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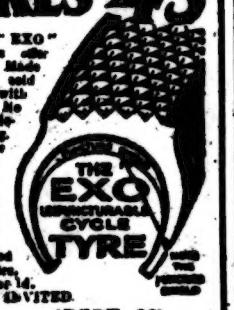

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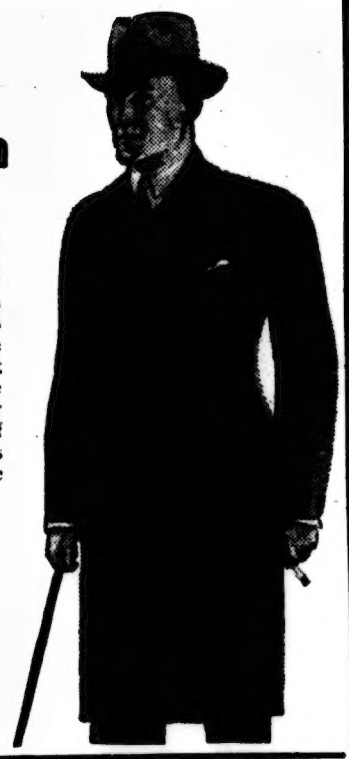

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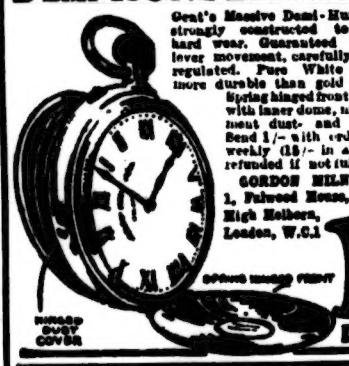

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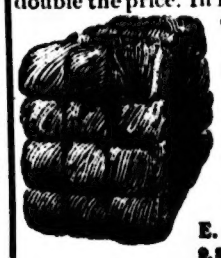

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"If you see it in 'John Bull,' it is so"

SERIOUS discussions for the formation of a Franco-German alliance, based on a military understanding, have recently taken place.

German diplomats have visited Paris to discuss this scheme, and French generals and politicians have gone to Berlin on the same errand. The proposal is that Belgium and Poland should be brought into a great Central European block, militarist alike in attitude and method.

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To minds thinking along these lines, suspicion becomes second nature, and the promoters have tried to justify their schemes by pretending to regard Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's visit to America as a prelude to a secret Anglo-American alliance against the European Powers.

Our Foreign Office must take prompt steps to dispel the myth.

Embracing Hodge

Although details have not yet been worked out, the Government has come to the conclusion that unemployment relief ought to be extended to cover agricultural workers.

When the Unemployment Insurance Act was drawn up, unemployment was practically non-existent in agriculture, and so the industry was excluded. Now there are large numbers of unemployed farm-workers.

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Under the new draft scheme benefits will be less than for industrial workers (so as to avoid the anomaly of a farm-worker's benefit being higher than his wages), but the weekly contributions will also be low, probably three-halfpence a week from the worker, three-halfpence from the employer, and threepence from the State.

Off the high horse

During Mr. Thomas' attempt to organise a big "drive" in the export motor trade, it has been made clear to him that so long as the horse-power tax remains, British manufacturers will not be able to make much inroad into the high-horse-power car-market, the only one with which our Colonies and Dominions are concerned.

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The horse-power tax makes them concentrate on the smaller cars, which are not wanted overseas.

It is almost certain that this duty will be changed in the Budget. The fate of the McKenna duties, however, is still very uncertain.

There and here

Statistics just issued by the Bureau of International Revenue in America show that although £170,000,000 was contributed in income-tax during the past year, only 3¼ per cent. of the population of 120,000,000 paid any tax at all.

Those who did contribute paid something like sixpence in the pound.

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Meanwhile John Citizen in this country, largely as a result of the war, is faced with the possibility of his income-tax—already eight times as great as in the States—being increased still further.

At last

At long last Lancashire cotton manufacturers are combining to launch a scheme for the mass production and distribution of cotton goods in which we have been hardest hit by Japanese and other cheap producers.

A board of directors representative of the whole of the cotton trade will have control of a new organisation which will be announced shortly.

We wish them all success. It is a pity there was not such co-operation years ago.

Europe's New War Bogey

Dole for Farm Hands

Divorce Frozen Out

"What do you think——?"

Although Ireland contributed a magnificent proportion of volunteers to the British Army during the war, no fitting memorial has yet been raised in memory of the Irish dead.

Mr. Cosgrave should give a lead

Ten years ago £45,000 was contributed towards a suitable monument, but since then this money has been lying idle, save for a small sum used to publish a series of volumes containing the names of those killed and wounded.

Many ideas have been put forward, and several legal battles have already been fought over the use to which this money should be put.

Here is an opportunity for Mr. Cosgrave to show that he is a true Irishman. Let him give a lead.

Third-party risk

The clause providing for compulsory insurance for all motorists that is to be included in the Government's Traffic Bill, while very necessary, puts a dangerous weapon in the hands of the insurance companies.

Road-users will be allowed to insure only with a limited number of specified companies, and the Government thus creates a virtual monopoly.

In the draft of the Bill there is nothing to regulate the amount of the premiums charged, and if premiums are increased motorists and bus companies can do nothing but pay.

Downhill

The Liberal Party is reducing its headquarters staff to a few typists and filing clerks, and the various expert organisers and publicity men who ran the General Election campaign have been paid off, as we forecast months ago.

The only thing that keeps the Party together is the prospect that, with the help of Mr. Lloyd George's fund of £300,000, they may be lucky enough at the polls to enable them to hold the whip-hand in the *next* Parliament.

This feeble policy is already having its effect. Many young Radicals are going over to the Labour Party, and there is reason to believe that a prominent Liberal newspaper may shortly drop its old allegiance.

Doubtful blessings

Mr. Lansbury can hardly have foreseen the embarrassing success which has been achieved by his plea for contributions towards public parks.

In addition to large cheques, all sorts of donations in kind have been arriving.

These gifts include thousands of plants and bulbs, two pelicans, four pintails, four South African sheldrakes, one Demoiselle crane, one pair of Egyptian flamingoes, two white-eyed pochard drakes, one bird-bath, and 2,000 Amherst pheasants' eggs.

No wonder Mr. Lansbury prefers nowadays to roam in the parks instead of staying at his office.

The price

Sir J. B. Robinson, the diamond and gold magnate, who ended his days in England, died execrated in South Africa, where he made his ten or more millions.

"He always fought for his own hand"

If ever there was a lonely man it was "J.B.," as he was called. A bold pioneer, he always fought for his own hand. No one really knew him or understood him.

Before he left the Rand Gold Reef, when strikes threatened, his home was a fortress of high, spiked walls, with armed guards and fierce dogs prowling in the grounds.

A man more to be pitied than envied.

Bookmakers on a loser

Some bookmakers expected Mr. Snowden to remit the current year's instalment of licence duty due on the first of this month, and they are disappointed because he has not done so.

We are able to say, however, that administrative difficulties alone prevented him, and that a clause will be embodied in the coming Budget repealing the duty for future years.

The one criterion

The Government's Indian policy statement should be judged by its effect, good or ill, on public opinion in India.

The governance of the Indian Empire should not be made the subject of Party bickering in this country.

Lord Birkenhead's recent speech in the House of Lords against Indian Dominion status has had an unfortunate effect.

He was responsible for the Simon Commission, and his remarks have acted on the Indian leaders like a douche of cold water.

If Dominion status was never intended for India, they ask, then why the Simon Commission, and all the other overtures to secure Indian good will?

Broken bonds cost money

The Divorce Courts are working at top speed again.

A large number of the petitions are from people whose incomes do not exceed £2 a week, and who are therefore eligible for Poor Persons' Certificates. Other petitioners have to pay anything from £100 to £250 to obtain their liberty.

But what of those who are unable to pay those huge costs and who are not eligible to plead as poor persons?

Here is a case in which the reform of our costly legal system seems particularly called for.

Very nice too

Negotiations for the proposed international bank are proceeding very satisfactorily as far as New York is concerned. Wall Street expects to nominate two directors and also the head of the bank, who, according to the American Press, "will have the widest opportunity to impose his personality, ideals and policies upon the rest of the board."

The idea is that European countries will accept responsibility through their central banks, while American finance, privately represented, will have the power without the responsibility.

Not all bricks

Whatever may be said against Mr. J. H. Thomas, he is "J.H.T." to business men and highly popular. His recent round of personal visits to the great industrialists has created a good impression.

He has spent much time obtaining first-hand information, and if he cannot provide all that industry wants, he at least knows what it wants—which is a unique accomplishment for a Minister of the Crown.

Preference

Canada imported iron products in the year ending March 31 last to the value of $346,610,939. Of this giant total $317,089,125 worth came from the United States and less than $19,000,000 worth from the United Kingdom.

So long as this country continues to provide battleships for the defence of the Dominions, it is, to say the least, unfortunate that Canada should give such an astonishing preference to American industry.

Prompt action

We are glad to say that following our exposure of profiteering in war-grave wreaths, an effort is being made by the Imperial War Graves Commission to protect the relatives.

Permits are being issued to "lay wreaths in the cemeteries under their charge in France and Flanders, to organisations and firms which have undertaken to comply with certain conditions."

A copy of the list can be had at the office of the Commission, 82, Baker Street, London, W.

That does not do all we wished, but it helps, and perhaps it is all that at present the Commission can do.

IF YOU SEE IT—Continued

Doleful work

The need to vary the unemployment benefit clause regarding refusal to accept work offered is sharply shown by a case in County Durham.

A man has been out of work and drawing benefit for two years at the rate of 32s. weekly. Now at last the employment exchange has found him work in a Durham colliery.

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His pay for five shifts down the mine is 18s., less the price of a pick-shaft.

He is not entitled to minimum wages until he has worked three months at this colliery. And the probability is that just before then he will be sacked and another victim will be procured.

That is what has been done with many others. It's a sweet game—while it lasts.

Crocodile tears

The motorists who give girls a joy-ride and then the alternative of being stranded in the country or yielding deserve to be flogged.

But, according to Sir James Openshaw, the chairman of the Preston Quarter Sessions, the boot is sometimes on the other foot.

And he is quite right. We have had complaints from several Northern towns of cases where the lives and careers of respectable business men have been well-nigh ruined by female blackmailers.

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It's so easy. Here is a poor girl stranded by a "gutter-crawler," and weeping for her home. So the kind-hearted fellow gives her a lift. And it's a hundred to one that afterwards the girl's tale will be believed.

Work at the cross-roads

Few concerns can be more fortunate in their servants than the Royal Automobile Club, whose guides are a fine body of men.

Yet these guides, who are often kept at work over twelve hours a day, receive in wages—after health insurance contributions have been deducted—less than £2 per week.

Surprising that such a powerful and wealthy organisation as the R.A.C. cannot afford to pay a decent wage. The Automobile Association pays its guides 55s. a week for much the same kind of work.

Tin-opener wanted

Mr. W. T. Kelly, M.P., is proposing to put before the Government a scheme for providing employment by developing the tin-mining industry in Cornwall.

He says that surveys have revealed that there are large deposits, and that experience has shown that the tin can be worked on a commercial basis.

His only fear is that the Government may be afraid to act for fear of offending the big British financial interests which are engaged in mining tin in Malaya and elsewhere.

The poorer poor

The Littledean Petty Sessions magistrates were told by Mr. Philip J. Bennett, relieving officer, that the wife and six children of Ernest John Gardner were costing the Westbury Union £4 a week.

Poor people in the neighbourhood have to support families of the same size on half that amount.

Some lack the necessities of life, herd in mere stables, sometimes five or six in a room, and get niggardly "tickets" of varying value.

But, anyhow, it is well to know that a bare subsistence wage on a pauper basis for a large family is £4 a week.

Where whole time isn't

A very shameful practice is being followed by the Beverley Corporation with regard to its oldest employees.

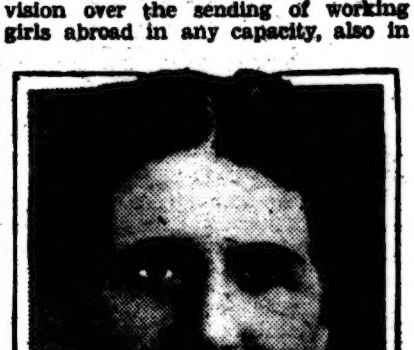
Upon becoming entitled to the old-age pension an employee is put off one week in four, so that, whereas he was getting £8 2s. for four weeks' work, he will now get for three weeks' work in the four, plus pension, £8 1s. 6d.

Thus the man loses the whole benefit of his pension and sixpence more per four weeks, and the Beverley Corporation is able to get sweated labour at the expense of the taxpayer.

Chaperone Bill

Four of the women M.P.s—Dr. Marion Phillips, Dr. Ethel Bentham, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, and Miss Picton Turbervill—are going to support the Rev. Reginald Sorensen, M.P., in his attempt this session to secure a strengthening of the laws designed to protect young girls.

He is going to introduce a Bill which will necessitate a much stricter supervision over the sending of working girls abroad in any capacity, also in



Miss Turbervill, M.P. is one of the chaperones

street-trading in Britain, and the employment of young people generally in occupations that are thought to be either dangerous or unsuitable.

Though the Bill is to be introduced unofficially, an attempt is to be made to get the Government to give it its official support.

Down the drains

The announcement by the Minister of Agriculture that over 416,000 acres of land have gone out of cultivation in the last two years sheds a pitiful light on the plight of British farmers.

How much money is the Government spending on drainage and reclamation of new land?

There can surely be no more purposeless way of spending public money than in the reclamation of land that is not wanted.

Ginger at last

We are glad to learn that the number of limited companies which have failed to make annual returns to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in accordance with the Companies Act is "diminishing daily," according to Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade.

Only 240 returns, he says, are due in respect of last year.

Our repeated references to this question appear to be bearing fruit. If the legal fine of £5 per day per director were enforced for every delay—as it should be—the returns would no doubt come in even more speedily.

We lose the ice-cake

Ice-skating is rapidly becoming one of Britain's favourite pastimes, and threatens even to supplant dancing in popularity.

Yet it is practically impossible to obtain a pair of British skates, and British manufacturers are making no effort to take advantage of the rapidly growing demand.

All the orders from new ice-rinks are going to either Sweden or Germany, which already have 95 per cent. of the market in their hands.

Open—but shut

A public enquiry with the full findings suppressed is a mockery. That has happened at Keighley.

A few weeks ago a Ministry of Health enquiry was held there, following the application of the Board of Guardians for the dismissal of their workhouse master, Mr. Norman Curd.

The inspector (Colonel A. G. Hayward, M.C.) stipulated that it was open to the public and the Press But the findings based on his report have been almost suppressed.

All that we are told is that the Minister agrees to the dismissal of Mr. Curd, and that both a new master and *a new matron* are now to be appointed.

That is hard on Mr. Curd, and still harder on Mrs. Morris, the matron. If the Ministry has good grounds for its reticence, let it say so. Such Star-Chamber justice looks very bad.

Your money

Further to our recent disclosures on the cost of Royal Commissions, the Commission on National Museums has spent £2,862 7s. 6d. on the preparation of its final report.

The Royal Commission on Transport has spent £4,381 to date, its receipts from publications amounting to £1,210.

The report on the growth of education in British India by the Auxiliary Committee of the Indian Statutory Commission has cost £15,150 to produce.

And fourteen more Royal Commissions and Commissions yet to come!

The Christmas draw

An Argentinian, Pedro Garcia, is inviting British citizens to take part in a great Christmas lottery, the first prize for which is about £175,000.

British citizens will be well advised to keep their money in their pockets. You are asked, by the by, to send remittances to a box number.

Challenged

Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., M.P., is to challenge the advice which has been given to the Home Secretary by the Lord Chancellor and the Attorney-General concerning coroners' inquests.

He is the challenger

In spite of widespread protests aroused by the Reading murder inquest and others, the Home Office refuses to take any action to amend the law. The argument is that in relation to the 30,000 inquests held each year complaints are few.

But Mr. Clement Davies is determined to introduce an amending Bill to limit the function of coroners to ascertaining the cause of death. In a free vote of the House the Bill might be carried.

We trust that Mr. Clynes will not fly in the face of public opinion by putting on the Government Whips against it.

The small man's money

People with small means are being invited more than ever to invest their money in various co-operative investment trusts.

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A pensions grievance

Mr. Philip Snowden has not been very sympathetic to the claims of pre-war Service pensioners to have their scale of pensions revised, but a fresh effort is being made to persuade the Chancellor to do something.

Sir F. Hall: trying to induce

An agitation which has been started by these pre-war pensioners has the support of Mr. Hore-Belisha, M.P., Sir Robert Newman, M.P., and Sir Frederick Hall, M.P., who are trying to induce Mr. Snowden to receive a deputation.

There are 14,000 pre-war pensioners of the Army and Navy alone. Many are suffering grave hardships and some are in workhouses.

That's heroism

They cannot give William Chappell, of Fisher Street, Blackburn, a V.C. Yet he well deserves it.

A welding-plant was left on the bogey one night in the Larkhill district; a silly youth released the brakes, and the vehicle dashed down a steep hill.

Chappell seized the length of cable and hung on. He was dragged down the hill, his clothes were torn to shreds, his hands were terribly cut.

He brought the bogey to a standstill broadside on with the window of the Brookhouse Post Office, full of people. A few yards further, and several men and women would probably have been killed.

Bravo, William!

Enquiry or inquest?

The proposed Government enquiry into the Tyne shipbuilding industry is almost certain to prove a waste of time.

Distress among boiler-makers is not local. Every shipbuilding area in the land is affected by it.

Boiler-makers have been hard hit by the growing popularity of motor-ships, which, of course, need no boilers.

The Government would do well to concentrate its attention on the possibilities of pulverised coal, a fuel which has recently been successfully tried out on a number of steamers.

A sound "rating" needed

We cannot commend the authorities for their attitude towards a grave public scandal affecting local rating charges.

Assessments made by the Cleethorpes Rating Committee, after fifty sittings, have been drastically altered by the Louth Assessment Committee, which sat for only a few hours, preferential treatment, it is alleged, having been shown to "relatives and friends."

In one case, a café with a rental of £300 a year was reassessed at £142 instead of £163, while another café in the same street, with a rental of only £84, was rated at £122 instead of £80.

There must be a public explanation.

Going the whole hogshead

The Bethlehem Congregational Chapel, Rhoslianerchrugog, one of the largest churches in North Wales, presumably with the name of the hamlet running all round it, has passed a resolution that members of the church and Sunday-school be asked to refrain from patronising the 'buses owned by the Great Western Railway until such time as they take down a beer advertisement which appears on some of its 'buses.

We presume, too, that the B.C.C.R.s refuse to support a State which draws revenue from beer.

CRIMINAL STATE TRICK

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LORD BUCKMASTER

Lord Buckmaster was Lord Chancellor. Here are two studies of him

THE reflux of the war left the nation stupefied and stunned. The strain and agonies of the conflict robbed everyone of their judgment and even of their desire for justice. The people were, indeed, unfit to judge and too weak to protest, so that in their name and with their authority things were done to which it is now impossible to look back without feelings of regret and shame.

Among the most notable of the wrongs then committed, the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles with regard to the private property in this country of people possessing what was described as ex-enemy nationality stands pre-eminent.

Everyone whose property was subject to our laws, who was—by the accident of birth or the fiction of marriage—of enemy nationality, had the whole of their possessions—even their furniture and their money in the savings-bank—swept away by the terms of the Treaty.

These terms in themselves admitted of no exception. The savings of the German waiter, of the Austrian sempstress, of the governess or domestic servant, were appropriated equally with the possessions of the big financiers and rich tradesmen, though of these latter there were probably but few.

It is certain that these provisions could never have been accepted with understanding by the English people, for they involved this: That an Englishwoman, possessed of English property, married to a German or an Austrian, had the whole of her property taken away, even though she had no sympathy with the German cause and her sons had fought by ours on the battlefield, and were buried with them in their graves.

Pathetic old people

THE moneys so obtained were to be applied in payment of previous debts owed by our former enemies to people over here, and the balance was to be used towards payment of reparations. That balance has at last been realised; its extent is now accordingly known, and it is proposed to use it towards payment of the debt owed by the German nation.

A more flagrant breach of the international law that for centuries has guarded the private property of people who found shelter within our shores cannot be imagined. The war was begun because of a breach of one international obligation and ended by the commission of another.

It is true that arrangements were made by which the amounts taken from people over here—for example, from Germans—were to be restored by the German Government; but the arrangement was illusory, and about 2 or 3 per cent. was all that was recovered.

A commission was indeed set up to grant exemption in certain cases; its operations were not widely known, and to the ordinary person difficulty of obtaining access was great. Of the cases that happened in some of which redress, by virtue and by virtue only of the commission, was obtained, the following are illustrations:

An old man of seventy-two, who had come over here as a German child, who did not know a word of German and was as ignorant of Germany as a public school boy, had scraped together some small savings and put them into the savings bank. They were promptly swept away.

An old German governess had been here fifty years, had saved £50, and was in the family of a well-known public man. She had to leave at the beginning of the war and go back to Germany. She gave her £50 to her sister, who was also a German governess here. The money was taken away, and only after great difficulty was restored.

Even a more startling case was that of an Englishwoman, who was a music teacher, and had with her mother saved £4,000. She put the money into her own name owing to her mother's age.

The woman, before the war, had promised to marry an Hungarian, and after the Armistice and before the Peace she married him and thereby forfeited all her money, and it was with great difficulty that its restoration was secured.

Had she lived with the Hungarian as his mistress until after the Treaty she would have retained her property intact.

One wealthy woman who had also married an enemy subject found her entire estate confiscated; but her husband, discovering that there had been some flaw in the marriage service which, according to his nationality, invalidated the ceremony, they got the marriage declared void, got back the money, and lived in sin and safety until, when the tyranny was overpassed, they remarried, and all was well.

It is now stated by the Government that it will, on application, restore to every Englishwoman and every German who had been here five-and-twenty years the property we have taken, up to £5,000.

This is not, but it ought to be, generally known, and it is probable that the columns of this paper may afford to many a chance of restoration that they thought was lost.

The properties taken and *hitherto unrealised* are also going to be restored to their owners. On what principle of equity this discrimination is based it is hard to know.

Most extreme injustice

A LARGE estate, which, because of difficulty of disposal has remained untouched, will go back to its lucky owner; the smaller sums, liquid and easily handled, are for ever forfeited.

After all this has been done, the balance goes to the German Government.

Neither France, Italy, nor the United States of America have insisted on any such provision. It appears to be left to this country alone to carry out to its last and its most extreme injustice the powers in the Treaty, of which every Englishman ought to be ashamed.

Perhaps the most astonishing feature of the transaction is the statement made in the House of Lords, that this balance, which is to be handed over to the German Government, "is available for the German Government to hand over to its original owners."

Everyone is accustomed to circumlocution in Government offices. Everyone is compelled, even against their will, to accept from a Department a method of dealing with simple transactions which would swiftly reduce to bankruptcy any private concern; but this last provision almost baffles comprehension.

Money has been scraped together by ravishing the coffers of every innocent private person who happened to be technically of enemy nationality and possessed property within the scope of our jurisdiction.

We give good news

OSTENSIBLE justification for this action is now satisfied, and the proposal is that the balance should be handed back, not to certain classes of deserving people from whom it has been taken, but to the German Government, which is to make it available for them, and apparently this has to be done if we desire friendliness with the Germans.

It seems incredible that friendly relations with Germany can depend upon the German Government receiving this sum which has been extracted from people owning its nationality wherever British authority could lay its hands; but, if it be, it would surely be more to our credit to cancel £3,000,000 of the reparations due than to carry out this transaction.

Nor is it easy to see how handing it over to the German Government, so that it may be available for its original owners, can cause its application towards reparations, which is what the Treasury has stated is, and always has been, its purpose.

One thing remains: It should be widely known that sums up to £5,000 or less, where the owner was either born of British parents or had been resident in this country for five-and-twenty years before August 4, 1914, can now be restored, and anyone coming within either of these classes should make application.

It is, however, only fair to say that the present Administration is carrying out a scheme which it profoundly believes to be unjust, and that it is more than possible it would be prepared to recognise any genuine case of hardship, whether within this category or without.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

Millions *for* TOY BALLOONS

See That the Postmen Get It—No More of these Girl Slaves—A Real Heroine

The Rt. Hon. LORD THOMSON,
Minister for Air

MY LORD,—The world awaits with high interest the result of the trials of those monsters of the air *R100* and *R101*.

The world apart, however, British taxpayers wonder whether the millions have not been spent on—toy balloons.

The engines of *R101*—a perfectly satisfying experiment as crude-oil burners—cannot do the job required of them; and whatever *R100* may do, it does not seem likely to take you much further in civil or war aviation.

Germany's *Graf Zeppelin* flight around the world proved very little beyond showing that the lighter-than-air machine is at present only fit for fair weather.

Very cleverly Fritz reserved his big card till later. The performance of the great D.ox 'plane was a smashing surprise. Italy has another of the same kind ready.

You must ask yourself whether the lighter-than-air scheme is not a sheer waste of money.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. J. A. SCULLIN,
Prime Minister of Australia

DEAR MR. SCULLIN,—I am delighted that so soon after assuming office you have had the courage to act upon the facts regarding emigration which I have made it my business for some years to disclose.

The public here has been gulled by false representations of the prospects awaiting would-be settlers down under. Now you propose a suspension of assisted migration to Australia.

Do not be deterred by arguments regarding the financial commitments already entered into by the British Government.

That money can well be spent on relieving unemployment here.

JOHN BULL.

LORD STANLEY,
Chairman, Junior "Imps"

DEAR LORD STANLEY,—It is not surprising that some of your members object to the title, "Junior Imperial and Constitutional League," seeing that they find themselves being called imps and little devils.

I hope the title will be changed, for a different reason. You have no right to arrogate to yourselves the sole guardianship of Imperial and Constitutional principles and interests.

That is not the prerogative of the Conservative Party or any other Party, and the sooner you abandon the practice of making Party political capital out of subjects that are the earnest concern of every patriot, the better.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN,
Chancellor of the Exchequer

DEAR SNOWDEN,—You were once a Civil Servant. Therefore I appeal personally to you to help your ex-colleagues against the unjust tyranny of the Treasury.

Mr. Justice Clauson has held that the law courts cannot intervene between a Civil Servant and the Crown. It follows, therefore, that Civil Servants have no legal rights to pensions when they retire, but must be content with what the Treasury likes to give them.

Let me tell you that the revelation has shocked the public conscience. It was believed that all those on the Civil Establishment, whether dockyard workers, postmen, or Whitehall clerks, had that right.

See that they get it. You don't need that Civil Service pension any more. But they do.

JOHN BULL.

LORD BYNG G.C.B.,
Scotland Yard, London, S.W.

MY LORD,—I hasten to join in the chorus of congratulation on the result of your twelve months' work at the Yard. You have done excellently well.

Yet you will be the first to admit that you came in on a tide of reform enthusiasm, and with discretionary powers and high official backing such as your predecessors did not possess.

And so, my lord, I have to applaud you, not only for your achievement, but for your good luck.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. F. O. ROBERTS, M.P.,
Minister of Pensions

DEAR SIR,—Here is a hard case which merits your best attention.

Mr. J. F. Monaghan, of Armley, Leeds, late No. 21123, Private King's Own Scottish Borderers, is suffering from compression of the spinal column and is abdominally paralysed.

Yet your Ministry imputes him an earning capacity of 15s. a week.

The reason given for this at first was that he had "considerable intelligence." Now it is said that "his earning capacity at a selected occupation, such as boot-making, was not very materially reduced."

Yet his only experience at boot-repairing was two months in an *industrial school nineteen years ago!*

This is a case where you must intervene.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. JAMES AGATE,
B.B.C., 2, Savoy Hill, London, W.C.

DEAR JAMES,—I am glad to hear that the ban of the theatrical managers has been removed, and henceforth you may attend first nights as the B.B.C. critic and broadcast your verdict.

It was a silly business. Too many managers take it as a personal insult when a critic damns a rotten play.

The fact is, they have been spoiled. Most critics are too kind. And they don't know enough about plays and acting to dare to be critical.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. LORD PASSFIELD,
Dominions Secretary

MY LORD,—I rejoice to note that you are determined to end the girl-slavery in Hong-Kong.

The system of Mui-Tsai was exposed in these columns earlier in the year, and the facts we put forward were denied in the House. Nothing was done to remove this black blot on British rule.

I know that time may be necessary to make the law effective, but the abolition of the status of Mui-Tsai in China itself will greatly strengthen your hands.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN,
10, Upper Brook Street, London, S.W.

DEAR BALDWIN,—Your Party, more concerned, it seems, to revive its strength than to help the country, has been searching for a policy, and one plan seems to be to work for "security for British industry and British wages."

That sounds very nice. And higher wages, a higher standard of living, and the resulting general prosperity are a good bait.

But even if you are prepared to work for all that, and especially if you are not, you *must* support the Food Consumers' Council.

Anyhow, the grading scheme which first operated when you were in the saddle is a fine basis for the fixing of actual prices.

Believe me, it will increase the good will of the Tory Party, Limited, if it supports the Food Consumers' Council now.

JOHN BULL.

Miss EDITH MARY WILBERFORCE
Hull

DEAR MISS WILBERFORCE,—A doctor said that he had never known a woman act in a more splendid manner than you did when you tried to save the life of Mr. Ernest Alcock. We feel inclined to say the same.

You climbed through the window of a gas-filled room, opened the door, and, after dragging the man into the open, sent for a doctor.

Yours is that finest type of courage linked with self-devotion and presence of mind, which is a challenge to the selfish coward and an inspiration to us all.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shoulder

MR. WALTER RUNCIMAN: "Millionaires are over-respected in this world."

Agreed. Many of them are not over-respectable.

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VISCOUNT ALLENBY: "The future management of our British Empire is in the hands of our girls."

Or in their arms?

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GEN. SIR RICHARD HAKING: "It will never be possible to prevent two nations from fighting."

Not if it is left to the armament-mongers.

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THE REV. GORDON LANG, M.P.: "'Seven days,' says the magistrates. 'For ever,' says society, and the leprosy of jail is never cleansed."

That is the damnable fact. Many who ought to be in are hard on those who have come out.

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COLONEL H. PARKE, D.S.O. (Blackpool Coroner): "It is clear that this man (Sacco) was out to make money in the most revolting way."

Well said. This public exhibition of fasting-men should be stopped.

Not from 2 LO—The Lay of the Laird of Amulree—

When SUBMARINES GO WET

THERE are men who've spent years
Drinking whiskies and beers,
And they do not like being passed over
When Commissions on Drink
Are appointed. They think:
"WE are experts—we'll now be in clover!"

They appear to suppose
That a fire-alarm nose
Points to knowledge that shouldn't be wasted!
But I am the one
They've selected to run
This affair, though few brands have I tasted.

Still, I'm full of choice views
On the subject of booze,
For I carry inside of my head
Many figures and facts,
And I know all the Acts
Of King James and Queen Anne—who are dead!

In fact, what I don't know about booze—from the outside, you understand—is not worth knowing. As regards "inside" knowledge, I cannot compete with those who drink delight of battle with their beers. But my ignorance is bliss, for it has gained me the job of chairman of the Drink Commission.

In "The Pinafore," Gilbert advised ambitious young men to stick close to their desks and never go to sea if they wished to become rulers of the Queen's Navee.

Similarly I advise you to sit at home writing books and never enter a pub if you wish to become the chairman of a Drink Commission.

Some people seem to think that the 446 previous enquiries into this engrossing subject must have elicited all the information necessary to enable somebody to do something.

But the chief function of a Royal Commission is to provide everybody with an excuse for doing nothing—and I am sure the politicians of all Parties will keep on doing this with great enthusiasm.

Meanwhile the Commission has already brought one striking fact to light—namely, that existing laws do not cover the sale of liquor on airships. Before we have completed our two-years' enquiry we fully expect to find out whether submarines can become legally wet inside as well as outside.

In any case, we are determined to take ourselves seriously, if nobody else does. We may even take ourselves to America to sample Prohibition, or the stern sense of duty may yet impel us to make a jaunt to Peru or to give the night clubs of Vienna the "once over."

But think not that we're going gay,
This is merely the usual way
For commissions and suchlike.
Which all very much like
To *seem* to be earning their pay!
Our task is as dry as a drought,
For we don't quite know what we're about;
A commission's a rum thing
That recommends something
Or other—for others to flout.
So no one need have any fears
Of the banning of whiskies or beers:
For commissions don't *do* things—
Their job is to chew things
Over for years and for years.

THE KING of PIGS

A RUM-RUNNER *behind a* PHANTOM SCHEME

MEET Mr. Henry Guy Mather, of New York City, who, however proud he may be of his American nationality, has of late years own a marked preference for Euro- an hospitality.

While business frequently takes him the Continent, England is more en favoured with his presence. He asts a fine old country residence ar Rochester, Kent, where he lives lavish style, attended by liveried enservants.

Yet, despite the luxury of his surundings and his outward show of fluence, Mr. Henry Guy Mather uld have the world believe that he a sad and disappointed man.

At least, that is the impression one ght gather from a two-column re- rt of a personal interview which cently appeared on the front page of e *Evening News*.

The crash

At an excited meeting of creditors London on the previous day, the me of Mr. Mather had been men- ned in connection with the adminis- ation of that ill-fated pig-breeding oposition called Little Wadhurst rms, Ltd., of Maidstone, which after veral warnings in JOHN BULL, re- ntly failed with liabilities of 30,000.

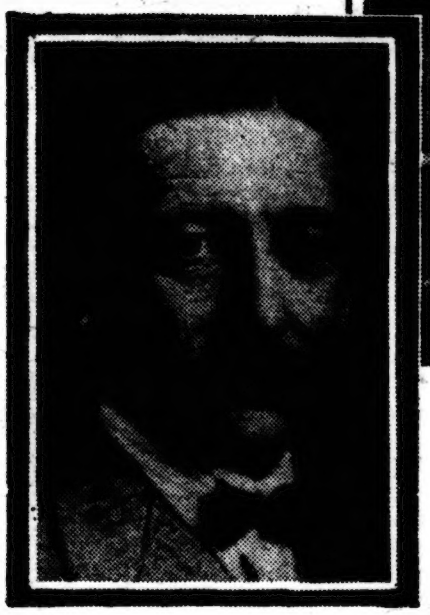
The victims, being of the small- vestor class, are consequently merous.

While commiserating with these vic- ns, Mr. Mather went to great pains, the course of his newspaper inter- ew, to "tell the world" that the ult of the company's failure was not s.

Moved by the loftiest motives roughout, apparently, he resigned m the board of directors immedi- ely he realised that things were not ther should be.

"It is for others," he added dra- atically, "to explain why the scheme nt wrong."

We are afraid that Mr. Mather's gesture in thus dissociating himself from a shameful ramp is not one that can be accepted by us without comment.



Sir B. D. A. Hartwell, Bart., "was left to explain . . . what had happened to a quarter of a million" put into rum-running

Although he put most people off the scent by officially resigning a "ten years'" directorship just ten weeks after accepting it, some of his statements at this Press interview aroused great doubts in our mind as to his sincerity — particularly as we had learnt from a confidential source that he had been behind the scenes all the time.

Blame whom?

Investigations we have since made now enable us to denounce Mr. Henry Guy Mather as one of the world's greatest adventurers.

This suave gentleman from New York, who would graciously permit the blame to fall upon other shoulders, was actually the chief promoter of this monstrous piggeries scheme.

He has directed it throughout, and his hands that he would now hold up as spotless have had the directing of a great deal of the money obtained from credulous investors.

We have discovered that when Mather started Little Wathurst Farms three years ago he had a comfortable Continental home, where his regal habits had earned him the nickname, "The King of Deauville."

He was not sojourning at Deauville for the benefit of his health, but because certain anxious enquiries were at that time being made on this side of the Channel.

For we can now make the exclusive revelation that the "King of Deauville" was also a king of rum-runners.

Prior to the pig-breeding venture, he was behind the scenes in a world-wide bootlegging plot for shipping millions of pounds' worth of contraband liquor to the United States of America.

He then boasted a palatial office in the West End of London.

His chief "dummy" was Sir B. Denham Arkwright Hartwell, an impecunious baronet, who has lent his name to more than the dubious venture, and who willingly permitted himself to be criticised by the Press for his activities under Mather's secret command.

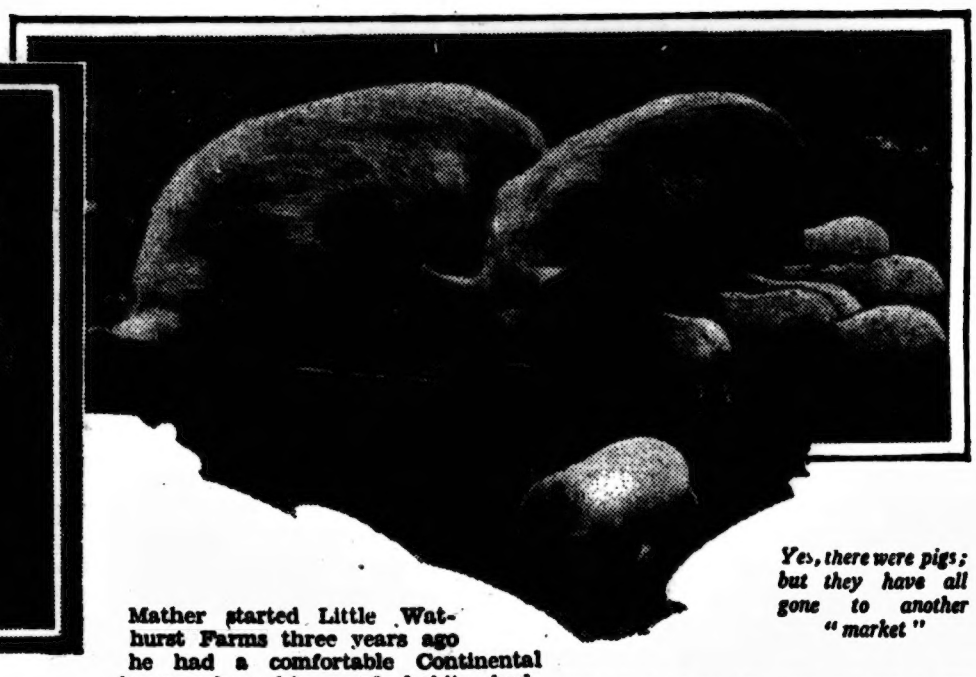
Although the name of Sir B. Denham Arkwright Hartwell figured openly in the companies formed to raise capital for the rum-running ventures, Mather himself was the real organiser.

The truth is that in 1923 Hartwell, who was then in exceptionally reduced circumstances, was introduced to Mather at a famous West End hotel.

Mather, knowing the rum-running "business" inside out, put up a proposition for importing spirits into America, promising to "find" all the liquor required.

Hartwell was glad to fall in with the scheme, and headquarters were established at Yeoman House, Haymarket, immediately beneath a luxurious flat then occupied by Mather.

Money poured in, but, unhappily for the investors, the colossal scheme finally failed, and, to Hartwell's dismay, the masterly Mather suddenly disappeared, leaving his "dummy" to explain to seven hundred disappointed shareholders what had happened to a quarter of a million of money.



Yes, there were pigs; but they have all gone to another "market"

Hypnotised by rum

In Mather's absence, this titled "chief-of-staff" could not offer any reasonable explanation, and was left in a most unhappy predicament.

Other dupes were obtained by Mather through advertisements calling for "partners," and several people were completely hypnotised by glowing stories of the quick fortunes to be made in the illicit liquor traffic.

Some who invested sums ranging from £300 to £500 were appointed "supercargoes" and were given agreements with the Theoclife Company Incorporated, of 1,540, Broadway, New York, which turned out to be a small syndicate, controlled there by one of Mather's agents.

Needless to say, the anticipated profits were never forthcoming.

Mather is to-day an undischarged bankrupt, and he has enjoyed this distinction all the time he has been associated with the Wadhurst Farms ramp, which, by the way, brought him in a salary of £3,000 a year, with expenses in addition.

Another of his enterprises was a kind of commercial "bank" in St. Swithin's Lane, through which Mather bought and sold various shares for fortune-seeking clients.

Numerous dupes lost their money when the "bank" suddenly closed its doors with heavy liabilities.

Do not delay

This, then, is the man who now seeks to whitewash himself in regard to the latest disaster, in which the liabilities to date are another quarter of a million pounds.

In view of these disclosures, which we have already passed on to the authorities who are acting for the unfortunate creditors, we feel that the Public Prosecutor should interest himself in this alien adventurer's affairs without delay.

A SLOUGH *of* BRICKS and MORTAR

JUST over two years ago, the Slough Urban District Council launched, with an optimistic flourish, a scheme for 152 new houses.

It was boasted the houses would involve no cost to the ratepayer; they would be completed at the rate of one a day," and would be let at the modest rental of 10s. 6d. weekly.

To-day the houses are an accomplished fact, and are mostly occupied by tenant-purchasers; but if the Slough Council is proud of its achievement, it waits in vain for the plaudits of the ratepayers.

It has, in fact, advanced £53,000 on this scheme, and the present position is one that ought to cause the authorities the gravest anxiety.

The estate involved is known as Elliman Avenue, and the houses were erected by a company called Pondac, Ltd., of St. Mary's Terrace, Paddington, London, under an agreement with the council.

This agreement provided for an advance of £350 a house from the council, repayable in regular instalments over a period of thirty years.

Messrs. Pondac, Ltd., for their part, undertook to let the houses at rentals of from 10s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. weekly, giving tenants the option of paying a further 2s. 6d. each week under a scheme whereby ownership could be attained in thirty years.

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Whether the houses themselves will last thirty years or not remains to be seen; but Pondac, Ltd., has certainly not lasted and is now in voluntary liquidation, barely two years after its building operations commenced.

There are numerous creditors, and no doubt the position can be cleared up by Mr. Thomas Henry Isted, one of the company's directors, who was very much to the fore when the scheme was first launched.

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Meanwhile, various complaints have arisen among the tenants regarding the doubtful quality of materials used in the construction of some of the Elliman Avenue houses, which could have been filled over and over again by tenants as soon as they were available.

What the fate of the estate will be cannot be foretold; but an official enquiry should be instituted at once to ascertain how it was that the council came to advance £53,000 to Pondac, Ltd., a company which has had to go into liquidation barely two years after the agreement had been entered into.

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We Expose a BLACKMAIL GANG

Slander on the Guards

THE 7,000 Guardsmen stationed in the various London barracks have just been subjected to a shameful slander in circumstances which allow them no means of retaliating.

So scurrilous have been the slurs cast upon them that they have been linked with blackmailers and terrorists, and we deem it our duty to take up the cudgels on their behalf at once.

The scandal has arisen out of the trial of the ex-Guardsman, Ronald Bateman, who was charged with robbing with violence a wealthy man named Eaton at the latter's Clarges Street flat.

After the jury had found Bateman guilty, Detective-Inspector Bradley, chief of the Criminal Investigation Department for the Vine Street area, who was in charge of the case, was called to the witness-box and asked what he knew of Bateman's record.

He said that, while Bateman had been of good character until his recent discharge from the Coldstream Guards, he had since been "frequenting the vicinity of Hyde Park and associating with undesirable characters of both sexes."

Sir Ernest Wild, who tried the case, put a number of questions to Inspector Bradley, whose answers were so alarming that they have led to a tremendous amount of unwholesome publicity throughout the country.

Inspector's story

Briefly, the inspector's evidence was to the effect that there was a gang of undesirables at work in Hyde Park, making a practice of luring strangers into compromising situations for the purposes of blackmail.

The police, he added, had received many complaints about these rogues, but, unfortunately, the victims were mostly reluctant to come forward to prosecute.

Several of the offenders, the inspector declared, were ex-soldiers, while complaints had also been received against serving soldiers.

Following this evidence came a series of "exclusive," but unjustified, articles in various newspapers.

Hyde Park always makes good "copy"; and, in the craze for sensationalism, the inspector's words were distorted.

Soldiers and ex-soldiers were accused of taking part in vile plots, while some reports spoke of women decoys connected with a blackmail gang, which was supposed to be constituted mostly of discharged and serving soldiers.

The investigations we have since made enable us to say quite definitely that there is no such gang or organisation of soldiers or ex-soldiers specialising in the crimes of robbery and blackmail in Hyde Park.

Angry soldiers

There are isolated male and female crooks who find Hyde Park a hunting-ground, but as a rule they are individuals with long criminal records, so well known to all local police officers that they have to work very circumspectly.

The Hyde Park gang newspaper "scare" is moonshine, and we have been assured by high Guards officers we have interviewed that drastic steps are contemplated to vindicate the honour of these famous regiments.

Meanwhile, in view of the widespread publicity that has followed this unsavoury case, we think that Lord Byng should call for every complaint received about this alleged gang. He would very soon be satisfied as to the truth.

At the same time, if he would like to see a real gang of dangerous crooks rounded up, the Commissioner of Police should order enquiries to be made about clever rogues who have for some time worked busily in theatreland.

They are known and despised among British artistes, their chief object being

Jan Osterman, music-hall entertainer, refused to be blackmailed

the "plucking" of foreign variety artistes appearing in London.

Almost every member has an appalling record, and being of the race-gang school, they are so menacing in their methods that victims are easily induced to pay substantial sums rather than face "unpleasantness."

The recent experience of a young American artiste named Osterman is typical.

Mr. Osterman was visited at the close of one week's engagement by a man who told him that the "gang" had been boosting him up all the week and that he had now come for their money—a matter of £100.

Mr. Osterman knew nothing about the "gang" and refused to pay,

Abe Lyman, the band leader, was supported by a "claque"

whereupon his visitor made ugly threats that unless he complied with the gang's demands he would suffer when he left the theatre and would find himself booed at all subsequent performances.

So boisterous did the stranger become that the young American had to secure police protection.

The gang, constituted as it is of thugs who have been in jail for such offences as housebreaking, malicious wounding, highway robbery, and even attempted murder, are sometimes actually employed by theatrical agents to make or mar a new star during a first appearance in London.

When Mr. Abe Lyman appeared with his American band in London recently he certainly missed the attentions of this disreputable gang, but it was publicly announced that certain people from the East End were employed to "gee" him.

On the other hand, during one of Mr. Oscar Asche's productions in London a "claque" attempted to "kill the show."

Known ruffians

Prominent among these ruffians is an ex-pugilist who has been in and out of jail since the eighties; another is a ruffian with a reputation of hitting people over the head with a bottle if they do not meet his demands.

Certain members of the gang have been barred from at least two West End hotels because of their menacing conduct.

Now they idle their afternoons away at a gaming-club in Archer Street, drinking and playing for high stakes.

The gang—which, we can say authoritatively has no serving soldiers in its ranks—should be rounded up at once.

All the information in our possession is at the disposal of the police if they so desire it.

RED SPIDER *of the* PORTS

IN shipping centres like Southampton, Cardiff, Liverpool, and Leith there is in existence an organisation of white slavery in its worst form, which is robbing sailors, both when they are ashore and at sea, of vast sums of money every month.

Directing this ghoulish business in the background is a former Welsh pit-worker. He is a despicable character, who is known to have amassed a small fortune when he acted as a propagandist in Lanarkshire, Durham and South Wales for the Communist Third International.

In the degrading traffic he is now conducting extensively in England, Wales and Scotland he is served by scores of women who dare not disobey his orders.

If one attempts to break away from the terrible bondage in which he holds them, she is told that the crimes to which he has compelled her to be a party will be disclosed to the police.

He keeps a private register of the movements of British shipping, and concentrates chiefly on obtaining victims from among the crews of vessels which go on voyages of from three to six months' duration.

At each of the various ports he has acquired the tenancies of large numbers of small, furnished flats, in each of which one of the women is installed. When the crew of a long-voyage ship is discharged, a likely victim is selected and introduced to one of the women, being told that she has a cosy home and income of her own.

Her first duty is to learn from the man all about his domestic and financial position. Single men without dependents to whom wages are allotted have to be her special prey.

Unaware of any trap, the sailor accompanies her to the flat. He is told again that it is her property, and "permission" is given to him to remain there until he rejoins his ship.

The woman has been well rehearsed in the part she will play. She has to impress the man by her thriftiness and to discourage him spending his money extravagantly. All this is for a purpose.

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When the time comes for the sailor to rejoin his ship, he still possesses the bulk of the money, probably £50 or £60, he received from his last voyage.

His woman friend, who has inspired him with respect and confidence, agrees that he shall make the flat his home when he is next ashore, and she suggests that he should entrust his money to her bank account.

Her thoughtfulness is without limit. She next proposes that, in his own interests, he should allot the whole or greater part of his monthly wages to her while he is at sea, and allow the money to earn interest in her account.

The Merchant Shipping Act stipulates that wages allotments shall be made only to wives or near relatives, but so lax appears to be the enforcement of this regulation by the Board of Trade that proof of the relationship is seldom if ever demanded before payment is made.

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As soon as one sailor is away, a new arrival is found for the woman to bleed and deceive.

At Cardiff we traced twelve allotments, amounting to nearly £850 per annum, being paid to one woman by different shipping companies.

Cases of women, falsely represented to be wives or sisters of the seamen concerned, drawing four or six allotments, are commonplace at every port where this sinister organisation has been active.

This evil can be easily and speedily checked.

The Board of Trade, in co-operation with the shipping lines, should take steps to verify the particulars of relationship which every seaman has to give on the statutory form for the allotment of his accumulated wages.

—and Now Glance through the Advertisements

Many interesting offers appear in this issue. Readers needs never hesitate to respond, for they are covered by the "John Bull" Guarantee which appears on this page.

I will gladly send any Gramophone and Records **ON 14 DAYS' APPROVAL, PACKED FREE AND CARRIAGE PAID.** Money refunded if dissatisfied. You choose Records from the largest stock in the country. Lowest cash prices, or easy terms to suit your pocket.

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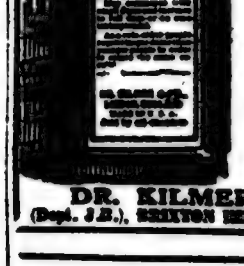

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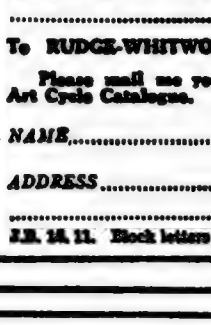

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That will stay on all day

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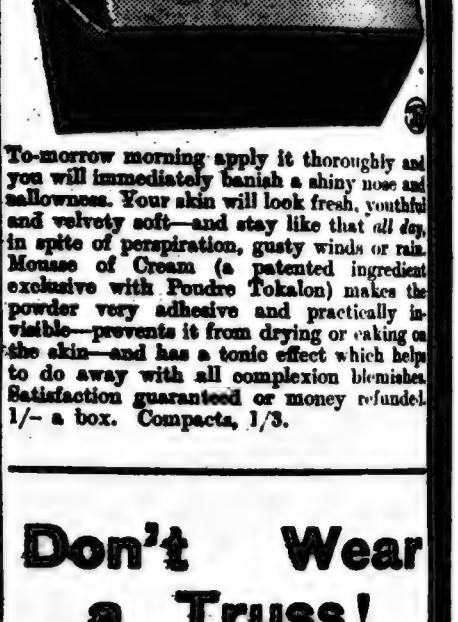

To-morrow morning apply it thoroughly and you will immediately banish a shiny nose and sallowness. Your skin will look fresh, youthful and velvety soft—and stay like that *all day*, in spite of perspiration, gusty winds or rain. Mousse of Cream (a patented ingredient exclusive with Poudre Tokalon) makes the powder very adhesive and practically invisible—prevents it from drying or caking on the skin—and has a tonic effect which helps to do away with all complexion blemishes. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. 1/- a box. Compacts, 1/3.

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EVERY article advertised in "John Bull" carries with it a "money-back" guarantee.

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Naturally this guarantee applies only to manufactured articles, but every care is taken to satisfy ourselves as to the bona-fides of all advertisements in "John Bull." Any complaint must reach us within one month from the appearance of the advertisement in "John Bull" and in the case of dispute the decision of our Managing Director shall be final.

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Of all Wine Merchants, and Licensed Grocers and Chemists.

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The Rumanian Minister, M. Titulesco is not proud of Berger

Mr. Justice Maugham saw through Berger's rogueries

Home Office MYSTERY

So Kind to a Crooked Alien

WE are astonished that no move has yet been made for the deportation of a most undesirable alien rogue named Adolphe Berger, a Rumanian.

His activities in connection with Silka, Ltd., which went into voluntary liquidation with considerable loss to the creditors was referred to by us many months ago.

Since that time a compulsory winding-up order has been obtained by one of the company's creditors, who was not satisfied with the way the voluntary liquidation had been pushed through.

Conceived in fraud

At the hearing of this petition, Mr. Justice Maugham expressed the opinion that the company had been "conceived in fraud; that the promotion had been completely dishonest, and that the transactions entered into in the very brief history of the company required investigation at every turn."

The judge further stated that Adolphe Berger was the promoter of this company, and that it was floated at a time when he was insolvent.

It was floated not for the purpose of doing any legitimate business, but simply to attract investors by advertisement, using the employment bait.

The money Berger secured by these methods he intended to use, and did use, for the purpose of staving off his threatened bankruptcy.

In spite of the proceeds of this ramp, however, Berger was eventually made bankrupt; and notwithstanding the comments of the learned judge in the Silka action, no further measures were taken against Berger, and he went scot-free.

A few items from his subsequent career are illuminating:

After the Silka, Ltd., *débâcle* he secured by devious methods an engagement with a well-known City firm as manager of its newly-formed hosiery department.

He announced himself as an expert in this particular trade, and gave as references the name of his solicitors.

His first step was to induce his employers, who trusted him absolutely, to place orders, which he said he had already secured, with various firms for stock running into thousands of pounds.

None of these orders materialised.

After his employers had parted from Mr. Berger, it was discovered that in at least one case he had placed an order at a higher figure than the actual price and then collected the difference.

We next hear of him a few months ago calling upon a large firm of hosiers in Regent Street and representing himself to be a Mr. Ahrens, an emissary of a German banking-house.

This firm had large business dealings with some German manufacturers, and a sum of money was in dispute between them.

Later on the firm received information as to "Ahrens'" true identity, and the negotiations were suspended for a time. The article in JOHN BULL on Adolphe Berger supplied the final evidence the firm required as to the character of the person with whom it was dealing.

In the meantime Berger, under his assumed name, had secured some £14 worth of goods from the firm on credit, under some specious pretext of making a gift to his fiancée.

Berger was summoned for obtaining credit without disclosing that he was an undischarged bankrupt, and committed for trial at the London Sessions.

Then Fate intervened again and gave Berger a further lease of liberty.

Before the trial took place the English firm, for very urgent business reasons, decided not to tender evidence, and Berger escaped with the payment of the full amount of the debt and all legal costs.

After this narrow squeak, Adolphe seems to have laid low for a while. He has now blossomed out again, this time as a "manufacturers' agent," and has had ornate business-cards printed, giving an address at Greencroft Gardens, Hampstead.

Women's savings

This address is, we understand, a boarding-house, and we take this opportunity of warning any prospective clients in his new business to give him a wide berth.

His business career so far in this country is a history of brazen deception, and is strewn with the life-savings of numerous individuals, among them many women.

We consider that the strongest possible case could be presented for Adolphe Berger's immediate deportation, if only on the grounds of the judge's remarks on the affairs of Silka, Ltd., and we see no reason why this should not be done.

Weekly Informations from

SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

While HUSBANDS *are away*

IT is clear to me from letters I have received that it is time I issued some warning in regard to hire-purchase agreements.

Let me say at once that there has not been one in my post-bag which is satisfactory from the hirer's point of view.

Until I am in a position to particularise in regard to firms, follow this course rigidly: If you are contemplating purchasing anything under a hire-purchase agreement *do not sign any agreement unless it clearly entitles you to return the goods, without any further payment other than the instalments you may have already paid.*

One agreement that is before me contains a clause whereunder a hirer of a machine costing £15 odd, who desires to terminate his agreement, would have to pay £10 even if he had only kept the machine a week.

I have never read a more outrageous condition, and it passes my comprehension how any person could be persuaded to sign such an agreement.

But the sad fact is that some of my readers have signed without making sure of their liabilities, yielding, I am afraid, in some cases to the blandishments of travelling agents.

Whilst I am on this subject let me mention that I have received a letter asking for advice from a reader whose wife, in his absence and without his authority, purchased an expensive household accessory, and thereby became indebted to the firm in the sum of nearly £20.

Not a necessity

The husband repudiated the contract, and asked the company to remove the machine at its earliest convenience, to which the firm replied that the wife had given it a perfectly good order and it intended to keep her to it.

The machine, in my opinion, is an obvious luxury and not a "necessity," and therefore the husband is not liable for the debt. Unless the wife has separate means of her own the company can whistle for its money.

So my advice to the husband is again to warn the company to remove its machine, and to the company to fetch it as quickly as possible and to close the episode.

Maybe other readers have become involved in similar transactions. It is, to my mind, scandalous that the touts of a company can persuade working-class wives to buy expensive implements in the absence of the husband, who would normally have to pay for them.

The law, however, broadly speaking, only holds a husband responsible for the debts contracted by his wife for "necessities." I do not think that the firm concerned would have the impudence to suggest that its machine is a necessity in working-class households at the price they charge.

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I have had many enquiries in regard to the home-employment scheme of Messrs. The England-Richards Fluid Free Cell Company, Limited, of King's Lynn, Norfolk. The scheme consists in making at home dry-cell batteries, and selling them "at a large profit."

I have no knowledge of the success or otherwise of this scheme, but it has occurred to me, as, indeed, it must have occurred to everybody, that there must be difficulty in competing both in quality and price with the mass production of the various big factories who produce this class of article.

"Dear friend—"

I have, however, just received from a correspondent an interesting "follow-up" letter emanating from this firm.

The reader in question was first offered instruction at £2 2s. if he applied within ten days. As he did not reply, two follow-up letters were the result. The first suggested easy instalments of 13s. down and 10s. monthly.

Finally the firm wrote as follows:

"Dear Friend,—We are unwilling to let you lose so valuable a concession without at least one more effort to meet you.

"In your own interests, our chairman, to whom we referred your correspondence, is prepared . . . to pay out of his own pocket the initial expense in addition to showing you exactly how to dispose of our output and helping you in every way until you are firmly established with an *extra* income of £200 to £300 a year.

"'.....' Sign the declaration attached, and return to this office, together with completed Agreement (the first form sent you), and remittance to the value of *ten shillings only*, when Mr. England-Richards will advance the balance of fee, viz., 32s., so that the complete Course, Licence, etc., can be despatched without further delay. ....."

"With every good wish."

This, I think, might be termed the "third degree" in "follow-up" methods.

Astounding generosity!

Fabulous profits

Beware of all advertisements offering fabulous profits on cash investments. I note that E. A. McMillan, of Dallas and Co., 66, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., seems fond of advertising on these lines, and one of his recent efforts offered £30 a month on an investment of £1,000.

This, of course, is utterly absurd, for no *bona fide* firm could afford to borrow money at such inflated rates. McMillan not infrequently directs his appeals to clergymen and others unversed in financial matters.

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The other day I was talking about Mr. E. S. G. Greene and his association with some slate quarries at Delabole. My remarks had nothing whatever to do with the very old-established quarries run by the Old Delabole Slate Company, Ltd., with which Mr. Greene has, of course, never had any connection.

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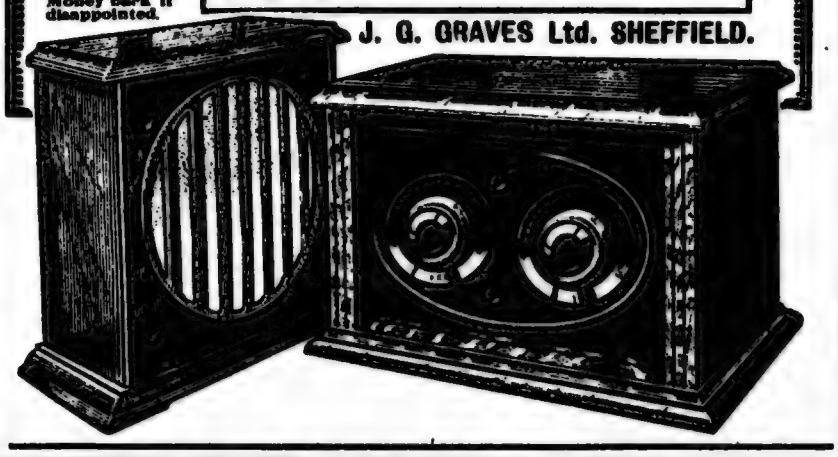

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1/6 *Half-Pound Pink Packet*

See that you get Radox in the pink packets. At all chemists, 1/6 per half-pound packet, 2/6 double quantity.

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GIVE YOUR FEET THAT "KRUSCHEN FEELING."

E. GRIFFITHS HUGHES LTD., 68, Deansgate Arcade, Manchester.

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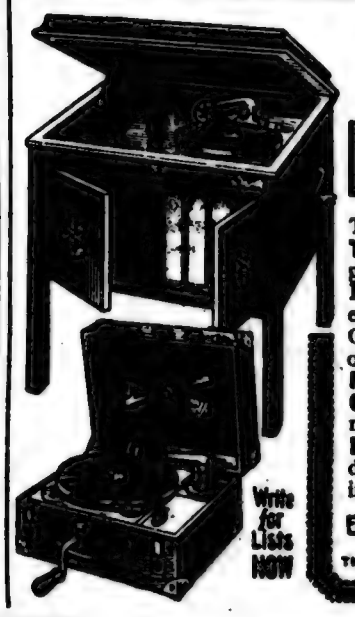
It is the razor that turns a youth's first downy growth into a stiff, coarse beard. It makes hair grow faster and thicker—that is why men *must* shave daily soon after they commence using razors. Skilled chemists have perfected a perfumed, velvety, hair-removing cream, specially designed to solve this important problem of the modern woman's *toilette*. You simply spread this cream on as it comes from the tube, after a few minutes rinse it off and the skin is left beautifully soft, smooth and white, without a sign of hair. No blunt ends remain to shadow the whiteness of the skin, such as razors leave—especially when the hair is dark. This cream—called Veet—has been used by thousands. Every day more and more women are turning to Veet to save them from the stiff, coarse growth the use of a razor induces. 1/6 and 3/- everywhere. *Veet is a British Product of British Quality. Beware of Cheap Foreign Imitations.*



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To mark my **FORTIETH TRADING YEAR**, I shall give a Birthday Album of Records and Needles to every reader who orders a Gramophone, which I send on **14 DAYS' APPROVAL, PACKED FREE AND CARRIAGE PAID.** Write for my **FREE ART CATALOGUE**, and see the wonderful offers of all kinds of instruments.

Edwd. Brien 1914 THE WORLD'S LARGEST CYCLE DEALER. COVENTRY.

SAD LIVES in Shining Buttons

In this restaurant the boys are well drilled, but they are well fed and happy

WE are so used to seeing alert, willing page-boys in uniform that it has never occurred to us to look upon them as young people faced with all the trials, problems and complications which life holds.

Now there are hotels *and* hotels. In some the life of the page is bright and free, the food is good, the bedrooms comfortable, hours and wages are on a good scale; often the boys are sons of hotel-keepers and waiters, learning the business.

But there are many others not such. Let us particularise.

Down under the great glittering hotel the pages live. Five narrow beds—like hospital cots—in one room—that is where they sleep.

The floor is of stone, but sometimes each bed has a strip of threadbare stair-carpet at the side. There are two very small windows, through which they can see the feet of the passers-by on the street above.

Swamped out

There is just one chair in this subterranean dormitory, a sink and a chipped piece of mirror nailed to the wall. At one well-known West End hotel the sink has a habit of overflowing, and several times the water has been two or three inches high on the stone floor—and in winter!

At 6.30 the boys must be up and in the hall in order to sign the attendance-book—that is, all except one who was on duty all the afternoon of the previous day, and who is therefore permitted to sleep later.

Now comes the cleaning of brasswork; and they must change the stationery in the writing-room and fill the inkwells; they must dust the furniture, and put the reception-office in order before the spruce young men and elegant young ladies who work there appear upon the scene.

Breakfast comes for the pages at 8.30. No eggs, usually; but, perhaps, with luck, a kipper. Their food is provided for them in an eternally dark basement dining-room, where the tablecloths are newspapers.

While they are eating, kitchen attendants are cleaning knives at the same table, and the water and knife-powder are slopped over the place where the food is laid.

All their life is underground, in fact, when they are not working.

This is one of the worst features of the page's life. Sun gives life and health and strength, and if anyone needs plenty of sun it is a growing lad.

The food in many establishments is poor both in quantity and in nutritive value. This is true of some places which are among the most expensive in London.

Half an hour for breakfast, and then they must tidy up, change the linen and towels in the bathrooms and lavatories, and then go on duty in the hall.

In the hall—where they spend most of their waking hours—they must stand. It is strictly forbidden to sit down. In only one or two London hotels is there a bench—American fashion—where the boys sit in a row and are called according to their place in the line.

They must take messages to rooms, run with telegrams for the guests, find guests who have visitors or telephone calls, and get taxis.

This standing, for hour upon hour, leads to what the boys call "trench feet." They have soft carpets upon which to stand, but they believe that the carpets are worse than a hard floor "It 'draws the feet,'" they will tell you.

The boys are under the orders of the hall-porter. He is the autocrat of their lives. That resplendent individual, in his field-marshal's uniform, holds in his hand the power to make their lives a hell, if he will.

Driven to suicide

A bullying, unjust porter can drive lads to suicide, or to a vagabond's life on the road. On the other hand, a decent porter can make things a bit better for the lads, though he cannot modify the worst features of their living conditions, which are dictated by the management.

Only half an hour is allowed for dinner, which consists of one course—and no "seconds," as the boys complain. And then, after another half an hour's work in the hall, they are free from two o'clock until six, when again they go on duty until midnight. The afternoon's free time is usually spent in sleeping.

If the boys work until midnight they are not in bed until 12.30 or one, and they must be up at 6.30 in the morning.

When they work in the afternoon also, they are free at 8.30 in the evening. After a wash and a change, it is nine o'clock. Also, they take supper before going out.

They must be back at 10.30. This, of course, is a wise provision, yet one is forced to wonder what these boys do to pass their evenings. By nine it is too late for a show, even if they could find the money.

For the pay is not very high. In many London hotels and boarding-houses the boys get only 5s. a week. The rest of their pay is in tips.

Boarding-house slaves

At one large London hotel 6s. represents a fair week in tips; and 7s. is a good week. Often they will not amount to 5s.

Some of their wage is spent on extra food. The growing boy carries an inward tormentor which drives him to the fish-and-chip shop and the coffee-stall.

Yet worse than the life led in the hotels and clubs of the West End is that of boys in the mean boarding-houses of Bloomsbury, or Brixton, or North Kensington. Here are the veritable boy slaves of England.

The time they have to sleep is just as short as in the big hotels, but with the added disadvantage that they never know what their free hours will be—if any.

And the pay? Many of these boys are helpless: they may come from orphan homes where conditions have been none too good, and where they were irked by a harsh and heartless discipline.

They are willing to suffer anything rather than return. Their employers know this and take due toll of their young lives.

Not all homes or institutions will relinquish the boy to the mercies of any employer without taking further interest in his well-being. The Church Army, for instance, will not send a boy out to a job unless they can be reasonably assured that he has prospects of advancement and that the conditions are fairly decent.

Take a trip to the outskirts of London—to the last urban district regions before the London boundary is reached—and you will see how many of these lads are recruited.

In the evening they are to be seen standing outside the workhouse, waiting for admission—for a bed and breakfast of bread and margarine and cocoa, before going on to London.

They come from South Wales or Durham or further afield.

And at noon you may note tired, pale lads, with well-worn boots, ringing the bells of the boarding-houses in Bloomsbury and similar districts, asking for jobs.

They are hungry, tired and desperate; they will accept any wage, or no wage for a place to sleep and a bed. They are in no position to bargain.

And there are those—to their shame be it said—who are only too ready to take advantage of this; to utilise their extremity in order to secure sweated labour.

The young workers in the drab boarding-houses sleep in attics or even in the kitchen; in giant hotels they sleep in dark basements. Sometimes a guest will scold them curtly because they are a little slow in running messages or getting cabs. It may be their bodies are starved of proper food and sleep and their minds of healthy interests and pleasures.

See to it!

Do not be hard on them; rather see to it that their conditions are improved. Their drab little lives cry out for care and supervision. They cannot help themselves, these young victims of unemployment, poverty or greed. They must be helped.

Is that too much to ask of the Government and people of the greatest and one of the richest countries of the world?

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A LADY who lived in a small New England town had reached middle age without entering the holy estate of matrimony. One day a friend, meeting her in the street, accosted her as follows: "Let me congratulate you, Miss Smith; I hear you are about to be married."

"Unfortunately, you are misinformed," replied Miss Smith; "but thank God for the rumour."

Apparently the good lady thought that if the rumour were only sufficiently long and loud it might lead to something practical. I hope she got her man.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has come back home. Lively and ardent rumours preceded him as to what he has accomplished in the cause of peace.

Whether he has achieved anything practical time will show; but we may devoutly thank God that there is more peace talk in the world to-day than there ever has been. Surely it must eventuate in compelling statesmanship to rid civilisation of the nightmare of war.

Once more Remembrance Day has passed, and the papers are full of opinions for and against the maintenance of the institution as an annual reminder of what the Great War cost us in mental and bodily anguish.

Don't let us abolish it, whether we change its character or not, for there is a generation growing up that does not remember the miseries through which we went in the four and a half hellish years that ended on November 11, 1918.

Let them know all about it; keep on talking; show them war in its naked horribleness.

Figures published in an authoritative review of late ought to be pinned on the wall of every school and home.

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In France seventy francs out of every hundred paid to the national exchequer have to be put under the same head, while neutral countries like Switzerland and Sweden pay less than a quarter of their revenue for purposes of defence.

Europe spends £524,000,000 every year on armaments—an increase of nearly fifty millions per annum on that of 1913. Yet Germany is disarmed.

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IT is easy to be wise after the event, and if I venture to point the moral of the catastrophe that has befallen the investing public, it is not because I pretend to have been wiser before the event than other people. I point the moral only because the lessons of this rude awakening ought not to pass unheeded.

1928 blew a bubble of gigantic dimensions, a sort of monster Zeppelin which was to waft us to the Fortunate Isles, where we should all get miraculously rich and live happily ever after.

1929 has pricked the bubble, and we have come to earth amid the ruins, poorer, sadder, but not necessarily wiser men.

Let us see what wisdom we can wring out of the experience.

It is an experience which has been common to both sides of the Atlantic; but it is our own case with which I propose to deal here.

It is impossible to estimate even within scores of millions how much poorer the British investor is to-day than he was when the beautiful bubble was blown a year or more ago.

Astounding figures

But a few facts will serve to show the magnitude of the wreckage. In 1928, according to the *Statist*, 280 new companies were floated. Investigation into the fate of 250 of these companies shows that many of them have vanished from the scene altogether. Only forty-six—that is, less than one in five—are now quoted at a premium.

Taking the flotations as a whole, the average loss works out at £100,000 on the issue price of each company. That alone is a trifle of £28,000,000 taken out of the pockets of the public by the company promoter.

But that is only a tithe of the total loss. The more shoddy the concern was, the more the public paid for it. They did not often get in on the ground-floor at the issue price. They came in when the boosting was at its maximum, and when the shares had been run up to four, five, even ten times the nominal value.

Then the promoters unloaded, and the innocent victim was left to carry the baby. In one notorious case the £1 shares were rushed up to £9, and to-day are not worth as many shillings.

That example could be paralleled by scores of instances equally ruinous.

Jail the "dodger"

There is no more scandalous feature of this stupendous booby-trap into which the British public was inveigled during the boom than that new and impudent trick known as the deferred 1s. share.

I do not know the name of the Artful Dodger who conceived this device for rooking the public, but whoever he was he deserves a monument—preferably at Pentonville.

The trick was this: the promoters issued, say, 100,000 preference shares of £1 *to the public* and 400,000 deferred shares of 1s. mainly *to the insiders*—that is, to the promoting gang. This killed two birds with one stone.

In the first place, it gave the appearance that the preference shares had a thumping backing of deferred capital, when in fact it was £100,000 preference to a beggarly £10,000 of deferred.

In the second place, it enabled the insiders to wangle the deferred shares at the critical moment, run them up to five times their value or more, and unload on the ignorant public at their leisure.

Fifty millions—gone

In connection with these new flotations, in one year alone it is certain that the investing public was fleeced to the tune of at least fifty millions sterling and probably much more.

Their losses in other forms of speculation were vastly more; but it is enough for the moment to confine ourselves to this aspect of the scandal. For scandal it is.

It is a scandal which reflects on everybody concerned—the banks, the brigands who organise these ramps, the Stock Exchange which makes them possible, and the public who walk so blindly into the trap.

I shall waste no words upon the brigands, with their pimps and runners and Press hirelings, who are the principal criminals. I shall waste no words on them because these sharks will always be with us, waiting for the shoal of small fish to come along in the boom.

It is useless to preach honesty to sharks. But it ought not to be useless to ask why the sharks are allowed and even encouraged to infest the financial waters.

Blame the banks

It is impossible to hold the banks guiltless in the matter. We have seen how company promoters of shady reputation are able to command enormous support in their operations from banks which ought not to touch them with a barge-pole.

Let an ordinary business man of blameless record seek a modest accommodation from the bank in the conduct of his own business, and he is examined like a suspect at Scotland Yard before he can get the help to which he is entitled.

But recent events have shown how easy it is for the financial conjurer, if only he operates on a big enough scale, to get all the accommodation he needs from the banks, even though he is known to all the City as a man with a past and as a dangerous gambler with other people's money.

And, next to the banks, the Stock Exchange is culpably negligent. Its business is to protect the public against the conspiracies of the financial brigands who operate under cover of its name.

It has failed in that duty, and by the slack grip it has upon affairs it has become a party to the exploitation of the public.

If the promoting syndicates were compelled to fulfil the elementary conditions of honest dealing, the shameful ramps of 1928 would not have been possible, and multitudes of decent, if foolish, people would not be impoverished to-day.

Why, for example, should it be possible for any rubbishy and fraudulent venture to get a quotation on the Stock Exchange before it has issued a balance-sheet or given any proof that it is an honest promotion?

If this condition had been enforced, not one of the ramps of last year would have succeeded, for it would never have reached the stage at which it could have got a quotation, and without a quotation on the market these frauds cannot get their fangs into the public.

Not merely from the investor's point of view, but in its own interests, the Stock Exchange must wake up, for honest business in the City is shattered by the loss of public confidence caused by scandals like those of 1928.

But, after all, the chief lesson of the catastrophe is for the investor himself.

And the lesson is "Safety First."

I have watched the booms and slumps of the City pretty closely for the past forty years, and a few general principles have drilled themselves into my mind.

I put them in the form of "Don'ts."

Don't believe in prospectuses. They are rainbows—pretty to look at, but fragile as air.

Don't deal with any but the most reputable brokers, and don't take even their advice too readily

Don't invest in any company which has not proved itself a dividend-paying concern.

Don't buy on expectations; but only on achievements.

Don't trust companies with titled guinea-pigs on the directorate.

Don't invest in new processes.

Don't try to get rich quick.

Security first

If your means are large, limit your speculation to a sum that you can afford to lose. If your means are small, don't speculate at all.

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Safety first, safety last and safety always is the lesson of the ramp of 1928.

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I was also deputed to clean the dairy and wash out the returned empty bottles, and generally to prepare for the afternoon's milking and delivery.

In between these duties I had to do general farm work, such as haymaking and harvesting, hedging and ditching, erection and repair of fences, cutting of thistles and underwood, gathering of fruit and vegetables, and the feeding of pigs and fowls.

Other duties included further washing of dairy utensils, grinding the cream separator, cleaning, oiling and "running" repairs of car and cycle and canvassing possible new customers.

The invariable result of this daily programme was that I sat down to my bread-and-cheese supper at about 9.30 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Payment for "overtime" services rendered in this eighteen-hour day was neither made nor recognised; the weekly £1 is an "all-in" salary.

On many occasions I have been summoned from my bed to attend to sick animals, to fetch the veterinary surgeon, to look after incubators, and eighteen hours a day seven days a week left me no time to seek another job.

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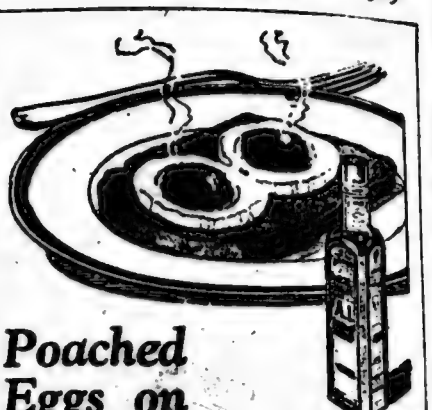

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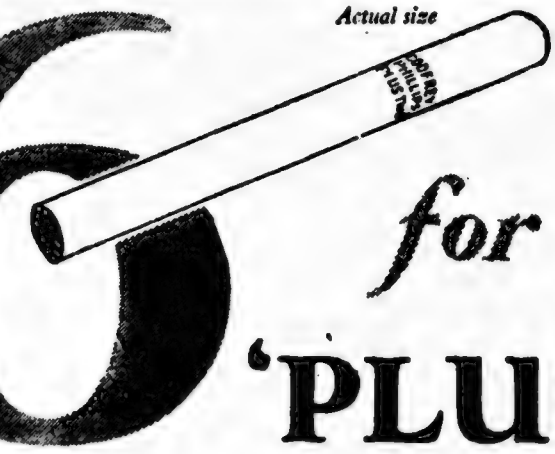

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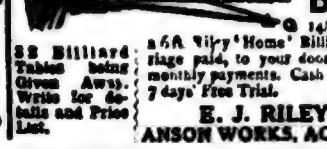

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A Challenge to PHILIP SNOWDEN

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

At least Mr. Snowden can make some big politicians dance to his tune. Mr. Churchill has condemned the "legalised robbery"

STILL another of JOHN BULL'S campaigns is within sight of a successful finish, for it is now certain that some system of the taxation of land values will find a place in Mr. Snowden's Budget.

We sincerely hope he may succeed, but he will find that all sorts of unsuspected obstacles will be raised.

Mr. Snowden must stick to his guns. It is a matter of such great moment that we challenge him not to avoid his obligation. JOHN BULL is out to carry the challenge to the bitter end, and prod him along if he seems inclined to falter.

In the course of his speech on his unemployment proposals, Mr. Thomas said: "In dealing with roads it is only fair that I should say we are not satisfied that our present system is one that helps.

"On the contrary, the method of purchasing land to-day is a positive hindrance. Municipal authorities are hampered on all sides, and the Government is hampered in promoting schemes.

"That is on one side. And there is another. Where all the trouble and bother is, our municipalities and the Government spend money, the unearned increment of which goes into other people's pockets. We are going to ask the House to pass legislation which will get over both difficulties."

Let us leave argument for the moment and get right down to concrete cases. They are bad enough in all conscience.

Less than three years ago the Corporation of Liverpool, anxious to carry out a street improvement, had to pay at the rate of £1,500,000 an acre for land.

Yet every penny of that value which went into the pockets of the landowners, had not been created by them, but by the industry and enterprise of the people of Liverpool.

Monstrous wrong

Mr. Snowden recently said, in an article written just before the election:

"Land values are going up everywhere. The landowners are fattening in their sleep. To make the land available for use, the local authorities are spending money on roads, schools, parks, housing, and all the amenities and necessaries of a new residential district.

"A public debt is being created, rates are being imposed, and the landowner gets off with all the social value given to his land by this expenditure. It is a monstrous wrong to the community: it is legalised robbery."

Instances are thick as autumn leaves. There is Forestfield Street, in Glasgow, a housing site for which £3,125 had to be paid. Before it was needed for houses its annual rateable value had been—£1!

There is Moss-Side Road, Govan, where a site of 9¼ acres had to be bought at £968 per acre. Before public enterprise made this land valuable its annual rateable value was 10s. 6d. an acre.

Let us look at Sheffield again. In 1925 the council had to pay £540 per acre for a housing site of just over 1¾ acres. *Previously the ground had been assessed at nothing, and no rates whatever were paid on it.*

A particularly glaring case is Stoke-on-Trent. Various sites were required for housing. In twenty-four cases the land was not assessed at all, and no rates were paid on it.

Yet, although the land was "valueless" when it was a case of levying rates, the council had to pay the "owners" £17,350 for it when it was a case of building houses on it.

Every penny of the value this land suddenly acquired was directly due to the efforts and the labour of the community. The Land Lord did not do a hand's turn to create the value for which he was paid—but he pocketed the cash just the same.

No wonder Mr. Snowden calls it a system of "legalised robbery."

The most notorious case of all—a case now famous, or infamous, in the long story of the plunder of the people by landowners—is the Kingston by-pass road to the south of London.

Land required for this road had to be purchased at £250 to £300 an acre, though as agricultural land its value had only been £30 to £50 an acre.

It is this sort of robbery that Mr. Snowden is going to stop, as indeed he pledged himself to do in an article he wrote for JOHN BULL in March of last year. He said then:

"In my only Budget speech I gave a very definite pledge that if I were in office the next year I would introduce a scheme for the taxation of land values. I had such a scheme in an active state of preparation.

"Whatever else the next Labour Government may attempt, it is quite certain that it will deal with the question of the rating and taxation of land values."

That he is justified up to the hilt in redeeming his pledge no reasonable person can doubt, even if only because of the scandalous instances I have quoted in this article.

The one great virtue that a proper system of taxation of land values would have—apart from giving to the community for the relief of rates and other taxes the wealth that the community has created—is that it would force idle land into use, to be made valuable in its turn.

Dog-in-the-manger

Here is an actual case of what happened in New South Wales, which has long seen the wisdom of treating land ownership in a sane fashion.

There was a man who, under the old system, had been paying £80 a year in rates on land which he deliberately kept idle, holding it for a rise should the community ever require it. Land value taxation came into operation, however, and his £80 rose to £800.

He only paid that £800 one year. He could no longer afford to keep his land idle, neither using it himself nor allowing anyone else to use it. He was forced to sell it, and it was promptly taken by many who were eager to develop it.

While this was going on, people whose land was developed and in use found their rates tremendously reduced. It is only the greedy dog-in-the-manger who need fear any system of land-values taxation.

Of course, when Mr. Snowden finally acts, there will be a howl from those who say he is interfering with rights and privileges. It is just as well to be clear about those "rights."

The only "right" with which Mr. Snowden will interfere is the right to keep land idle, the right that some men claim to keep others idle—for that is what the locking-up of land means in the end.

They are keeping it idle, deliberately strangling the prosperity of the country, in order, some day, to hold the country to ransom and get a fancy price for their land when the need of the community grows desperate.

It almost makes the brain reel to think of the value locked up in the land.

The aggregate land value of Great Britain is about £4,000,000,000. A national tax of only 1d. in the pound on that value would bring in something like £16,000,000 in its first year of operation.

Secret of the slum

Mr. Winston Churchill, although, as usual, he did nothing, had—also as usual—very decided views on this question. His language is almost as strong as Mr. Snowden's:

"It does not matter where you look, or what examples you select, you will see that every form of enterprise, every step in material progress, is only undertaken after the land monopolist has skimmed the cream off for himself."

And he called this state of affairs "an imposture on the public," and said that "the consequences are crowded slums, hampered commerce, distorted or restricted development and congested centres of population."

This challenge by JOHN BULL to Mr. Snowden cannot be ignored. Moreover, his hand is strengthened by the fact that the Liberal Party is committed to the principle.

You can do it at once in the Budget, Mr Snowden. It is up to you.

The Human Machine

WHO'LL WORK MIRACLES?

WHAT is the most valuable thing in life? We all have our own ideas, but it is interesting to see what a man thinks who really has the world at his feet. One of the most successful men the world has ever known recently said:

"I tell you, loyalty and friendship and helping the other fellow along are the only really valuable things in the world, and they bring all the 'practical' advantages with them every time.

"The sooner people get over the idea that there's a difference between ideals of brotherhood and practical common-sense, the sooner we'll do away with waste and friction of all kinds and have a world that's run right.

"The only trouble now is that people haven't the courage to put their ideals to work. They say, 'Oh, of course, theoretically we believe in that—but it isn't practical.' What's the use of believing in anything that isn't practical? If it's any good at all it is practical.

"The whole progress of the world has been made by men who went to work and used their impractical theories."

There is hardly any real advance that the world has ever made that has not been started by someone at whom the world laughed.

It is the world's misfortune that it usually does laugh, not only at the ideas, but at ideals. It does not believe very much in any of the finer qualities; it scoffs all too readily at sincerity, disinterestedness and faith.

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Without Fear or Favour

ALTHOUGH we must still wait for exact details, it is now certain that a beginning is to be made in the attack on profiteering which we have urged for years.

Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, has announced his determination to set up a Consumers' Council with compulsory powers in obtaining information, and the taking by the Government of new powers for dealing with traders who will not accept the recommendations of the council.

It is certainly time the farce of the Food Council was brought to an end—not that the farce has been any of its own making. There was never anything in prospect but ineffectiveness and ridicule from the moment it was established without powers to do anything.

It is not in question that in the staple necessaries of life—bread, meat and milk—gross profiteering has gone on unchecked for years. When we come to things like fruit and vegetables, the profits made take on the appearance of open and unashamed robbery.

The impudent defiance of both the Food Council and the Board of Trade by milk distributors, and the council's accusation that the millers fake the price of flour so that bread prices can be manipulated to conform to the council's scale, were obviously matters too serious to be ignored.

What the new council and the new powers will accomplish remains to be seen; but no one can pretend that there is anything revolutionary in the State interfering with trade when this takes on an anti-social aspect.

When the country was fighting for its life every department of industrial activity was subjected to Government scrutiny and control. Exploitation of the people then might have had serious consequences—so it was stopped.

Why should it be permitted now? Is it merely that the nation in peace-time is too supine to protest?

IN this connection the moral of national marking and grading of foodstuffs should not be lost sight of.

It is merely a strong hint that the retailer can no longer be permitted to charge what he likes for his goods irrespective of some guarantee of quality. If it is logical to do that, it is even more logical to ensure that prices and values bear a real and not an artificial relation.

Remember, too, that Mr. Lloyd George started the Food Council, and that Mr. Baldwin approved the grading system. All Parties are committed to the general principles.

There is one thing that no Government ever seems inclined to tackle, but it goes to the root of the matter. That is the gambling that goes on in food and necessaries on the various exchanges.

In our view, this is commercial immorality at its worst, and needs to be tackled just as much as the brigandage of the wholesaler, middleman and the retailer.

The place to cut off evil is at its source, and the gambling that goes on in places like Mincing Lane and the Baltic Exchange is the beginning of most of the trouble.

Let the Consumers' Council tackle the open profiteer by all means, but let the Government now turn its attention to what the Americans would call "the man higher up."

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WE have before us the results of a petition for a discharge from bankruptcy. The amount involved was £654 10s. 6½d., and to realise this and clear up the matter the legal costs amounted to no less than £221 8s. 9½d.

At a Terrible Price

We have often commented with some vigour on the ruinously high costs of ordinary litigation; but when, in this connection, we say "legal costs" we are not referring to fancy figures charged by fashionable barristers.

We mean only the statutory charges that are laid down by law as the indispensable fees for concluding an affair of this kind.

It is these statutory charges that account for almost exactly a third of the amount involved.

There is something in this that strikes us as peculiarly scandalous, and we should like to know on what grounds it can be justified by the President of the Board of Trade.

We really cannot see why creditors, who have already suffered through the failure of the bankrupt, should have to suffer almost as heavily by the extortions of the statutory machinery they are bound to invoke to recover the fragments that remain.

OUR readers need no reminding of our attitude on the coal question, and they could easily forecast what we think of the antic of the mineowners when they refused point-blank the Government's invitation to meet the miners in a national conference.

Impudent Challenge

This much satisfaction can be taken—that the Government can now approach the problem of the mines with greater firmness and resolution than it has hitherto shown.

It need not feel too tender towards a body of men who have once more proved themselves to be mules in spirit and asses in speech.

What must the Government do?

The action of the Yorkshiremen in cutting temporarily adrift from the rest of the unions complicates matters for the Miners' Federation, but not necessarily for the Government.

It does not mean that the bulk of the miners do not regard with favour the offer of the 7½-hour day as a first step towards the seven. The reverse.

It is on the question of wages that there must be a definite stand.

The Government has said there "should" be no reduction. When that "should" is translated into "must," the mines problem is well on the way towards a happy ending.

This is absolutely urgent.

Shorter hours, say the owners, must involve a corresponding reduction in wages, and their method is that of district agreements again, some bad and some worse, with their inevitable sequence of sporadic disputes leading straight back to the abyss of 1926.

It can all be avoided.

Wages must not be touched. The Government can establish satisfactory machinery in two ways.

Either it can employ the Minimum Wages Act of 1912 with modifications to allow of district wages committees with a national body to veto agreements; or it can establish simply a national wages board on the lines of that which has served the railways so well.

In following such a course, Mr. MacDonald would have the country behind him.

Secrets of INDIA'S

The Secretary for India, Mr. W. Wedgwood Benn, is the target of politicians

The Maharajah of Burdwan has been worried by anti-British intrigues

A typical royal palace of beauty

Emancipated women of India: Mrs. Sen and her daughters were presented to the King

A sporting prince, the Maharajah of Jodhpur was nearly crushed to death by a rogue elephant

WHEN the members of the great Round-Table Conference meet to mould the future of India, the members will be obliged to listen carefully to the representatives of the ruling princes of many States which are not, and may never be, under the control of an India with "Dominion status."

The peace of the world hangs on this decision.

Who are these independent rulers, and are they fit to rule?

A deal of nonsense has been written about the Indian princes. Many people visualise them as cruel potentates, who waste their lives in orgies of senseless extravagance.

There have been many scandals in which the Indian princes have been involved; but they are an exception rather than the rule.

The Indian princes rule over an area seven times as large as that of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with a population of seventy millions.

The States vary in size from Lawa in Rajputana, with an area of nineteen square miles, to States like Hyderabad, as large as Italy, with a population of thirteen millions.

Picturesque chiefs

The princes are paramount sovereigns in their own States.

The Indian Government's policy is one of non-interference, except in rare cases of utter maladministration. The princes, on the other hand, agree not to enter into relations with foreign Powers save through the intermediary of the British Government.

Attached to most of the Native Courts is a British agent, who acts in the capacity of liaison officer between the native rulers and the Viceroy at Delhi.

Most of these princes are men of vision who march with the times, and their introduction of Western ideas—such as sanitation, railways and education—has vastly complicated the system of government.

The princes who once led peaceful lives as picturesque chieftains ruling pastoral States are now unable to cope with the entire government of their countries.

Accordingly, while they remain the Supreme Court of Appeal in all cases, they have wisely delegated their powers to Governments modelled on existing institutions in British India.

Many of the States pay yearly tribute to the Government of India, chiefly in lieu of an obligation to supply troops.

Thus, Travancore pays £53,333; Kathiawar pays £31,129; and Jaipur pays £26,667 a year.

It is idle, of course, to pretend that the ruling princes are all Solomons, or that the Native States are Utopias. Most of the princes are conscientious, hardworking men, but there are a few upon whom the British Government keeps a watchful eye.

The Nizam of Hyderabad is the richest man in the world. His income amounts to a trifle more than ten millions a year. His coffers are so overburdened that he is transferring his money, at the rate of £30,000 a day, to the local bank. The Nizam admirably fulfils the popular conception of an Indian prince.

Forty-three years old, his dark, penetrating eyes look out from beneath a brow that gives a measure of his great intellectual powers. Hyderabad is a hot, dusty State in Central India. Thirty years ago the most primitive conditions existed there. The ox-waggon was the only means of locomotion.

But, thanks to the Nizam's energy, a company, called the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway, was formed and operates 330 miles of railroad. Other railway companies also run over a thousand miles of line through the State.

The relations between the Nizam and his people, like most of the native princes, is paternal. Notwithstanding his autocratic powers, the Nizam is accessible to noble and peasant alike. The Nizam is a keen educationist.

A large part of his private fortune has been spent in endowing the Osmania University at Hyderabad, where English is taught compulsorily to all students. Over four thousand schools are dotted about the State, where almost naked peasant children learn their A B C. But the Army, a great little force consisting of 19,523 men, is the apple of the Nizam's eye.

He is an ardent student of the methods of modern warfare, and takes care that his army is trained in the latest fashions in frightfulness.

Farthing to schoolboy

Estates belonging to prominent landowners, like the Duke of Northumberland, cannot be compared to the land privately owned by the Nizam, which is approximately as large as Ceylon.

The Nizam is a visionary as well as a business man. His favourite hobby is the study of theology. Much of his time is spent in preaching in the temples to his subjects.

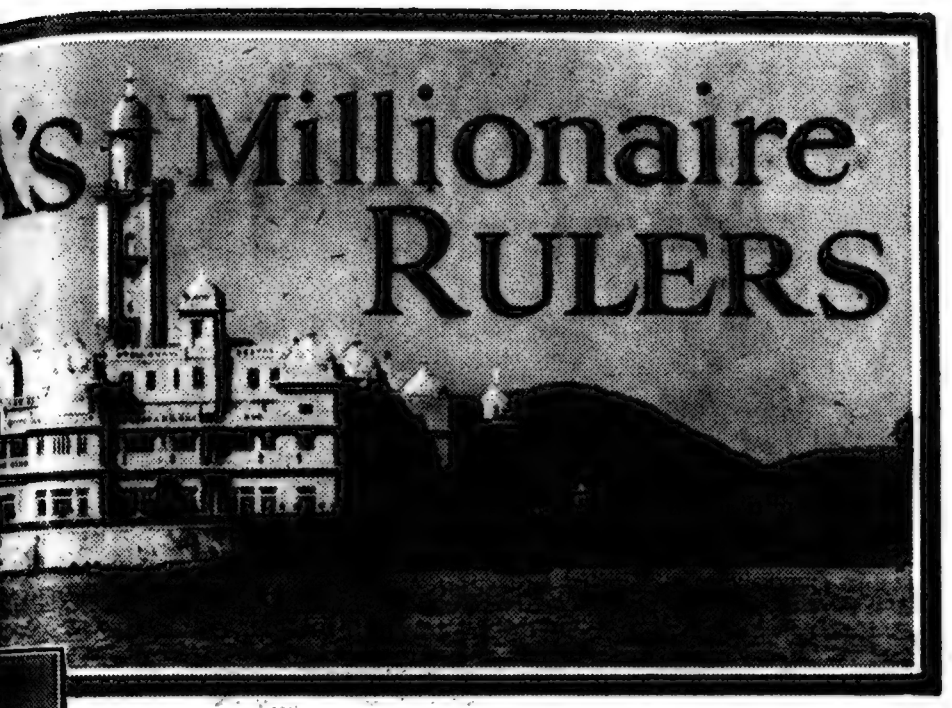
The stationmaster at Hyderabad lives in a state of nervous prostration because of His Highness' fondness for summoning special trains at all hours of the day and night. A special train in India costs a minimum of £50. But £50 to the Nizam is like a farthing to a schoolboy.

Compared with the Nizam, the Maharajah of Patiala is poverty-stricken, since his income amounts to only a beggarly million a year. But as Chancellor of the Princes' Chamber in the Indian Legislature he enjoys immense prestige.

His services to this country dur-

Mahatma Gandhi, visionary, simple-lifer, vegetarian, often the storm-centre of India

Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, handles the Empire's most difficult problem



's Millionaire RULERS

The Richest Man in the World

ing the war will ever be gratefully remembered. Patiala is nearly as large as Morocco and is the premier State in the Punjab.

Like the Nizam, he is a keen educationist, and as befits the ruler of a great State, he takes a great interest in the development of the land.

But, despite his modern outlook, the Maharajah insists on the maintenance of all the ancient ceremonies and customs. He is a Sikh by religion. His creed does not permit the use of safety-razors.

The Maharajah is forced to grow a luxuriant beard, and for reasons that have become obscured in the mists of time, he and his heirs must wear an iron bangle on the left arm.

He may not sit down to a meal until he has drawn his krippan—a dagger he wears suspended from a silken cord round his neck—and waved it over his food.

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The Indian princes, although persons of great wealth, sometimes live lives of amazing simplicity.

From childhood they are taught by the priests to realise that they are the servants of their god and of their people. A typical day in the life of the Maharajah of Alwar, who rules over a hilly State in the east of Rajputana, illustrates this.

The alarm clock

The Maharajah is called between four and five o'clock in the morning. A servant squats outside his bedroom and awakens him by singing a hymn in praise of the gods.

The Maharajah then bathes in a big tank and, donning the simplest garments, usually little more than a loin-cloth, he visits the temple, where he pays homage to the god. The ceremony is known as Punjab worship, and lasts only a few minutes.

He then dresses in more suitable clothes and goes to the audience chamber, where he spends an hour listening to petitions.

After a brief motor-drive he enjoys a simple breakfast. Affairs of State occupy him until lunch. Everybody, from the Maharajah down to the humblest peasant, enjoys a siesta during the intense heat of the afternoon.

Punctually at five o'clock the Maharajah enters his office, which is as businesslike as any stock-broker's, and transacts affairs of the most varied character.

Like his fellow Indian princes, he is the final court of appeal in criminal cases. The death sentence, although passed, is seldom carried into effect in the native States. It falls to the Maharajah's lot to commute it to a term of imprisonment.

Dinner, which seldom consists of more than three courses, is served between nine and ten, and is followed by another brief visit to the temple. The Maharajah then retires to bed.

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A ruler who is as charming as she is powerful is a slim, delicate woman, with dark, dreamy eyes, who holds in her hands the destinies of three million people,

India's "Maggie"

She is the Maharanee of Travancore, or, to give her correct designation, "Her Highness the Maharanee Setu Lakshni Bai."

She may be described as India's Miss Margaret Bondfield. She is immensely concerned with the lot of the Indian women, and, thanks to her efforts, women in Travancore have got the vote.

Incidentally, the Maharanee is not the wife of the Maharajah, who is still under age. There is an element of tragedy about the law of succession in Travancore.

When the seventeen-year-old Maharajah comes of age he is faced with the melancholy knowledge that his own children will never succeed him.

His uncles and aunts—the Maharanee is an aunt—may succeed, but his children, owing to some obscure religious law, are forced to marry women of other and lower castes. They are compelled to live in separate establishments, and owing to the fact that they defiled themselves by marrying into another caste they are never permitted to enter the palace.

An odd characteristic of Indian life is the contrast between the rapid advance in scientific methods and the rigid adherence to immemorial customs.

Imagine a hundred naked professors sitting in a tank for five hours at a stretch singing hymns, and you have a picture of how the rainfall is maintained in Travancore and Mysore, one of the most beautiful of the native States.

The Maharajah is a pious Hindu, who spends a great deal of his time in religious devotion. Nevertheless, he manages to be not only one of India's most popular princes, but a first-rate administrator.

Most of the princes invest their spare capital in jewellery, and the Maharajah of Mysore's collection, which is kept in heavily guarded steel vaults, is valued at more than three million pounds. The interior of one of these vaults is not unlike a child's conception of Aladdin's Cave.

At judicious intervals, when the crops have failed, or one of the Maharajah's wives is in a tantrum, one of his best jewels is offered by way of propitiation to the local god, who in this way has achieved a collection of precious stones which would make a Bond Street jeweller's mouth water.

Ford?—nothing

Statistics are usually voted boring, but it is interesting to compare the incomes of these Eastern potentates with Western princes of commerce.

Henry Ford earns, on a rough estimate, nearly two million pounds a year; but the Maharajah of Baroda, who rules over a comparatively small State, gets about three times as much without raising a finger.

The Khan of Baluchistan, a small State bordered on its western side by Persia, could write a cheque which would make even Sir John Ellerman envious.

The Maharajah of Kathiawar's pass-book makes pleasant reading, for on the credit side five million pounds is recorded every year.

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The wives of the Indian princes, dark-skinned creatures with sad eyes, would make a fascinating study if we were permitted to penetrate behind the curtains, gossamer stuff, but as inviolable as steel armour-plate, which guard the harem from the curious gaze of the outside world.

Not birds of paradise. The Maharajah of Patiala shooting pheasants in Spain

The Maharajah of Mysore . . . keeps a hundred naked professors sitting in a tank singing hymns for rain

For his eighth wife the Rajah of Rajputana expects to marry a girl of eighteen

Two hundred women, richly clad, surrounded by every luxury that wealth can buy, sit behind barred windows in the Nizam of Hyderabad's harem.

Life is the same in all harems. The young girls, flattered at being the wives of a prince, spend their time attiring themselves in finery. But as the slow years roll on, the mouths, once curved in laughter, become hard with the bitterness of disillusionment.

Everything that money can buy is theirs—except freedom.

The days pass, endless and purposeless, the monotony relieved only by gossip and fierce, brooding envy, which sometimes flames into deathless antagonism, when one woman supplants another in her lord's affections.

Envy, slander and uncharitableness are the ruling forces in harem life.

There are at least 15,000 women, the richest prisoners in the world, who are doomed to spend their lives in these harems.

A few of the native princes, influenced by Western ideals, more particularly perhaps by the doctrines preached by Mahatma Gandhi and his followers, are abandoning the harem and allowing their wives, poor frightened creatures, to enter the life of the outside world.

The emotions of one of these royal captives can be imagined when the curtain guarding the harem is drawn aside and, trembling, she steps from her seclusion into the bewildering bustle of an indifferent world.

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The REINCARNATION of MAUNG BA

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"Three men came along the plank. They took the watchman's stick and kicked his lamp over . . ."

by DOROTHY BLACK

Illustrated by Howard K. Elcock

THE story was told me by the policeman who handled the case. If I was writing it up as a work of fiction it would have to be considerably altered. Stranger things happen in the world than any authoress, anxious to turn an honest penny, would ever dream of asking her readers to accept.

Stories written as such have to be likely, plausible, and avoid putting too great a strain upon the imagination of the public. Only the truth does not care twopence about little matters like that.

The policeman had his headquarters in a dusty little village beside the river, in one of the larger rice-growing districts in the Delta of Lower Burma.

There he lived in a tumbledown wooden bungalow, amongst all manner of men, touring his district in a launch or on horseback, according to the season, and combating crime on a scale never dreamed of anywhere else, except perhaps Chicago.

And even there some motive is usually behind a murder—something solid like love or money—whereas in this policeman's district people murdered one another merrily over nothing more important than collar-studs, boot-boxes or ordinary bits of bamboo such as could be cut at any moment out of any jungle.

It was while he was touring his district that he came upon the case of Maung Ba. Maung Ba was a rice-broker, rich and much liked and respected—a tubby little man, with a golden-brown face and a Chinese sort of nose, and merry eyes that twinkled like sloes in his face.

Every year he came to the district, with three gigs belonging to a rice firm in Rangoon, to buy paddy for it. Because he was well known to it and much respected, it gave him large cash advances with which to make these purchases.

His first port of call was a clearing in the jungle where the bank jutted out, making a natural harbour from the current of the river. Palm-trees dipped into the water there, and all the bank was trodden down with the hoof-marks of animals that came to drink.

Through the clearing you could see the Pegu Yomahs, towering up against the sky, blue in the morning. Some two miles inland was the buying-station where Maung Ba meant to buy his paddy.

Only he never got there.

It was one of the many unsolved mysteries of the jungle. In the morning the gigs were found empty and deserted—two broken loose and floating downstream, one still tethered to the bank, a narrow plank running out on to it.

Gone were the rice coolies, gone the watchman. His lamp lay, broken and the oil oozing out of it, upon the deck. Gone was Maung Ba, and at first sight it seemed that all the money was gone with him.

Only on searching the gig the police discovered a loose board in the flooring, and under this board a bag containing some thousands of rupees. This, together with the broken lamp, were the only clues the police had, and it was hard to make much of them.

Maung Ba was never heard of again. The general assumption was that he had made off with the money and was living somewhere under an assumed name, a rich man. To this theory the policeman himself was inclined to lean, for cases of the sort are numerous enough in jungle places.

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The Secret of Sound Sleep

WHEN sleep does not come easily and naturally the reason is usually that your nerves are exhausted and your brain tired by work, worry or excitement.

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The Reincarnation of MAUNG BA

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But whenever he decided that this was the only solution, he remembered uneasily that bag of rupees under the floor-boards. It amounted to quite a large sum. Why should Maung Ba leave that behind?

They worked for months trying to find some traces of a murder. Maung Ko Tha, the headman of Maung Ba's village, was unwearying in his assistance. He shook his head sadly and told the policeman he was afraid the temptation of wealth had been too much for Maung Ba.

"If he had been murdered, sir, surely we should have found at least some trace of his body."

The policeman thought so, too. But for many months he kept on uneasily remembering that bag of hidden rupees, until the rising tide of fresh crimes swamped that one altogether, and he forgot it and went on to other things.

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IT was eight years later, and the beginning of the yearly cold season. A long boat made its way slowly down the river towards the Big Bazaar. A poor weaver, with his wife and little son, were on their way to sell silk and buy vegetables there. The woman sat at the back, the man in front, and the boy, naked and bullet-headed, sat in the middle.

He was a queer, precocious little boy, and his parents hoped great things of him. His father, who was a Buddhist, had been known to assert that the boy was the reincarnation of some important personage, and would probably go into the priesthood and become renowned for his learning and wisdom

No one paid much attention to him. The child was their firstborn, and men are notably foolish over their first-born children in every part of the world.

They paddled down stream in the sunshine, and sometimes the man sang as he paddled, and the woman joined him, in that peculiarly penetrating voice common to the Burmese woman. They came to a place where there was a clearance in the jungle.

The bank jutted out, making a natural harbour. Palm-trees dipped into the water there, and the bank was all trodden down with the hoof-marks of animals come to drink. Through the blue of the morning the Pegu Yomahs rose clear-cut against the sky.

Suddenly, the little boy said: "This is the place we tied up the gigs that night."

As he had never been out of his native village before, his parents were somewhat surprised, and his mother said what no doubt amounted to "What is this nonsense you are talking, my honey lamb?"

The little boy said: "We tied up the boats at sundown. I remember the hoof-marks in the mud. There was a plank ran out from the gig, along to the bank. . . . The night was very cold. . . ."

Then his mother, humouring him, said: "And what were you doing far from home, when the night was cold, small bear?"

He said: "I was trading rice for a big firm down the river."

The woman would have laughed at him, but her husband stopped her, and began to question the boy gently. Had he not always known this child was not as other children are?

"It was very cold," the little boy said. "I heard owls in the jungle. . . . When it was dark the watchman fell asleep. Three men came along the plank, creeping on to the gig. They took the watchman's stick and kicked his lamp over.

"Then they came to me where I lay asleep. . . . They took my money. Some was beneath my pillow and some in my belt. . . ."

Then he laughed suddenly.

"But some I had hidden in a gunnee bag under the floor-boards of the gig. They never found that at all. . . . I would not tell them where it was. I screamed out aloud. The watchman came running. . . They killed him. They cut him up and threw him into the river."

His father said: "What have you done then, little son?"

The boy laughed again, as the Burman always laughs at horror or disaster. He said: "What could I do? They cut me up very small, so that nobody would recognise me any more. They threw me into the river. . . It was very cold that night. . . ."

He shivered.

Now, his father came from the same village as Maung Ba, and he knew all the story, and about the hidden rupees

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under the floor of the gig. And he knew that this was the very place where Maung Ba had spent the last night.

"Who did it?" he asked.

The boy said: "I do not know who had the knife. There was shadow over his face. But the man who stood by and held the lamp and who slew the watchman was Maung Ko Tha, who lives up beside the monastery, beneath the pagoda. . . . Him I know well enough."

And he nodded wisely.

Then the boy's mother flew into a great rage, and said they would all be ruined if the boy was allowed to say things of that kind. For Maung Ko Tha was a great man, rich and respected, who fed priests by the hundred, and held a position corresponding to that of elder of the kirk.

The father at first was inclined to agree with his wife that the boy was a talented little liar. But the more he thought of it, the more it weighed on his mind, until he could not bear it any more.

So one day he caught the boy, and washed his face, and scraped some of the mud off him, and took him away quietly when his mother was busy grinding rice—to see the policeman.

The policeman held no brief for reincarnations, visitations, and all the other oddities of a jungle village, but the whole thing struck him as extremely odd. He read up the case again, and remembered how hard he had tried to find a solution for that bag of rupees hidden under the floor, and failed.

There was something very convincing in the boy's manner of telling his story, too—an off-hand, impersonal, take it or leave it fashion, that showed he himself had no personal interest or feeling in the affair.

THE policeman was the least superstitious of men, but for once he was impressed. The situation needed careful handling. Maung Ko Tha had, as far as anyone knew, a blameless career, except that it was not quite clear from where he got all his money.

He was liked and respected, fed priests by the hundred, and was an elder of the kirk.

The boy came of a family of no repute, small weavers who barely paid their way.

It needed careful thinking out, and in the end, deciding that a story which had impressed him so much would doubtless impress Maung Ko Tha even more, provided it was told in the right surroundings, he gave a river picnic.

The reason, he said, was to try out a new motor-launch that had just come up from Rangoon. Among those present was Maung Ko Tha, elder of the kirk, and the boy and his father.

The launch sped down stream until it came to a place where there was a clearing in the jungle, and the bank, jutting out, made a little harbour. There in the dried mud were the hoof-marks of animals come to drink there. The palm-trees dipped into the water, the Pegu Yomahs rose blue against the sky.

WHEN it became clear that the policeman meant to land there, Maung Ko Tha began to look uncomfortable. He became extremely uneasy. It was not, he said, a good place to put in. He knew a better one, further down the river, on the opposite bank. He turned a queer, liverish, grey colour, and caught at his throat.

The little boy said: "This is the place we tied up the gigs that night."

He told the story again, just as he had told it that morning to his parents, in the long boat. Except that when he came to the end of it, he turned to the old man and said, simply:

"Do you remember, Maung Ko Tha? . . . It was cold that night."

Then the old man fell down at the little boy's feet and called him by a different name, and begged forgiveness, and cried.

Then he said: "Mine was not the hand that drew the knife against you, therefore spare me. . . . The one that killed you was Ali Khan, who lives in Shwebo. . . . With him was also Ramsawmy Maistry, since dead. . . ."

The policeman knew both those names. The next day he went to Shwebo, taking the boy with him. Ali Khan confessed, in terror, not only to that crime, but also to several others that had been seeking an author for some time. He is now no more.

Maung Ko Tha has resigned from being an elder of the kirk and was for many years a guest of the Government in the Andaman Islands, until he died.

The boy turned out to be the greatest disappointment to his parents. He had no aptitude for learning, and none for weaving. Instead of following the calling of his father, he went away, and became a rice-broker, working for the big firms in Rangoon.

EVERY season he comes up the river with three gigs, to buy paddy. He is well liked and respected, and they give him large cash advances to make his purchases.

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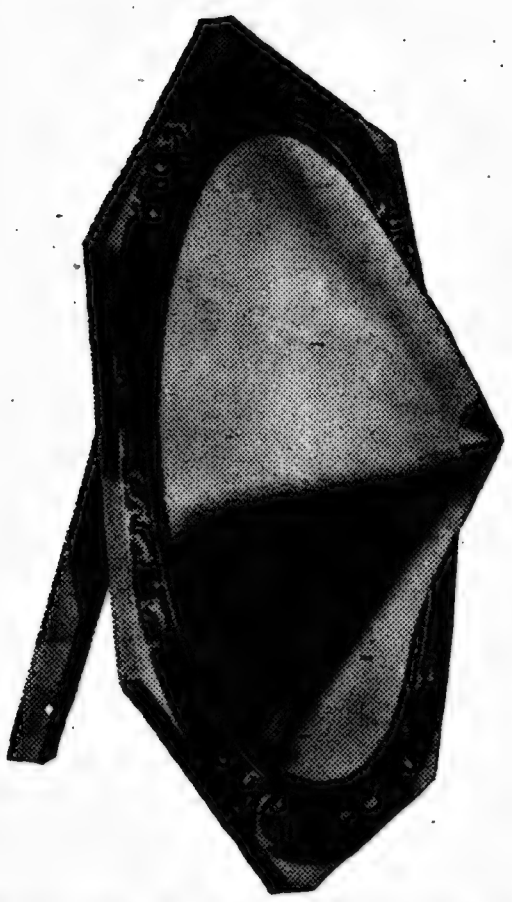

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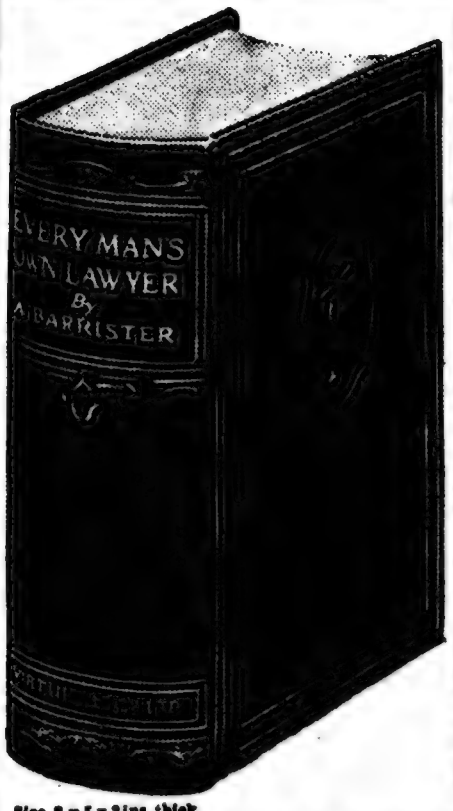

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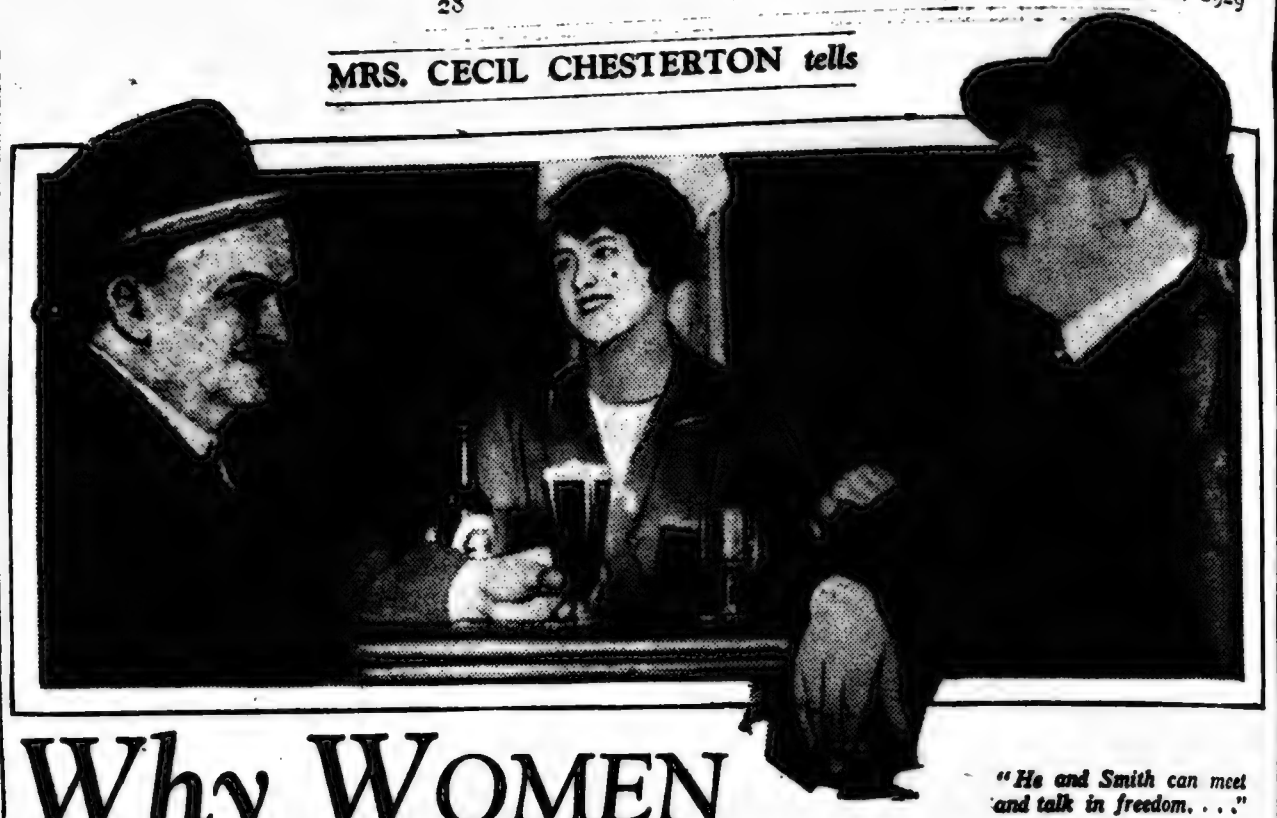

"He and Smith can meet and talk in freedom. . . ."

Why WOMEN *hate* PUBS

"A PLACE OF DARK SECRECY AND POWER"

IN England, America and the Colonies the agitation against drink is very largely feminist. Certain male cranks beat the big drum of Abolition, but the main attack on public-houses, saloons and places generally where man can drink and talk has always come from women, mostly of the middle-class.

Women do not object to drink merely as drink.

Some most prominent advocates for the extinction of public-houses admit alcohol into their homes and dispense it to their guests.

Housewives include a bottle of port with their Christmas dessert and have no objection to a bottle of beer or stout with their men-folk in the evening.

But for a husband to go to a pub to drink is a different matter. It is a place of dark secrecy and power and must be abolished.

It's a plot!

The tavern has always been the meeting-place of man. The percentage of wives and daughters of the middle-class who frequent these places is extremely small. There is something shocking to the ordinary woman that she should do so. It outrages her sense of fitness.

So the attraction of the bar becomes intensely magnified.

What happens behind those swing doors? What does man plot? What does he think about? What are his dark plans and hidden schemes?

The public-house atmosphere of impersonal friendliness and freedom of discussion which shuts in the masculine mass shuts out the feminine. It is because men can be quite happy in a bar among themselves without wanting her that woman resents the bar's existence.

"I'm just going round to meet Smith," explains the husband, his hand on the front door.

"Why don't you bring him home here instead of sitting in a stuffy place all crowded out with people?"

Fishing stories

He cannot explain—she would not understand—that he and Smith can meet and talk in freedom sometimes by themselves, sometimes including a circle of chance acquaintances who very probably would not pass muster in the home, but are most agreeable as conversationalists.

All sorts and conditions of men drift into the genial hospitality of the bar. No credentials are needed, no introductions are required.

You may sit quietly in a corner with your drink, or you may establish relations with your neighbours. The last fishing stories are always told at the pub; schemes for the regeneration of man and the equalisation of property bloom there like the flowers in May.

The fascination of the tavern seems to women an unreasonable thing. It is incredible that a man should like to linger over his beer, discussing purely irrelevant topics with a man he had never met before and will probably never meet again.

She does not comprehend the attraction of a place where you may chance upon members of trades and callings outside your everyday experience, or suddenly greet a familiar face. It is a freemasonry which extends throughout mankind, including all interests and all classes.

The women of the Latin countries are not at all concerned as to the traffic in alcohol.

They contemplate their husbands, sons and sweethearts enjoying a friendly glass with perfect equanimity, and though they may prefer to take coffee, lemonade or syrup themselves, they regard the consumption of beer, wine or spirits as an ordinary normal thing, like the consumption of beef, pork or mutton.

Working woman

And it is not because one country is more drunken than another. England is now as sober as Italy or France. It is the difference between the café of the Continent and the British public-house.

The first is frequented by the family—grandmamma, auntie and the rest come too.

The other, snugly monastic in intention, remains impervious to domestic invasion. This applies only to the middle-class.

The working woman of this country, like her Latin sister, has no grudge against drink. She avails herself of the freedom of the bar.

She does not necessarily accompany her husband, but drops in with a woman friend.

You will find in East-End public-houses a certain segregation of the sexes. The wives will sit together, like the husbands.

"You see," said an understanding lady to me, "they like to talk to their wives. What I says is, so long as they gives you their wages what does it matter?"

The feminists, however, who remain outside the bar feel their supremacy is threatened by the masculine sufficiency expressed by the public-house. If they do not find pleasure in the tavern, there is no need for its existence. It is wrong and should be abolished.

Keep him at home!

Directly women get political power feminist groups always try to use it for drink restrictions. It was the women's vote that carried Prohibition in the States and secured the suppression of the saloon.

In this country, our first woman M.P. put Prohibition first in her programme.

In Poland, where women were given the vote following the independence, the first act of the Feminist Party was to introduce a Bill vetoing the sale of alcohol from Saturday noon till the following Monday.

Is this a law against drink? Not a bit of it.

Men merely order in a larger quantity for home consumption, in which their wives and families participate.

Poland is essentially a sober country—you rarely find a drunken man there—but in Poland, as in England, the middle-class woman does not drink in public places with her man. The workers frequent the cafés in family groups; the intelligentsia, as over here, have their clubs and dance-clubs where drink is on sale.

Take note, there has been no outcry among women for the suppression of night-clubs, where it has been shown drink is consumed during prohibited hours.

The explanation is obvious. The women are there too. A night-club for men only is unthinkable.

Man craves talk and the juice of the grape. The two are almost inseparable, and women can never extirpate them, however she may try.

She pretends

"Woman," says G. K. Chesterton, "is the eternal voice summoning man from the tavern."

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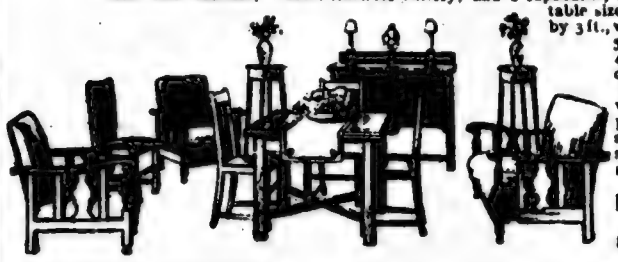

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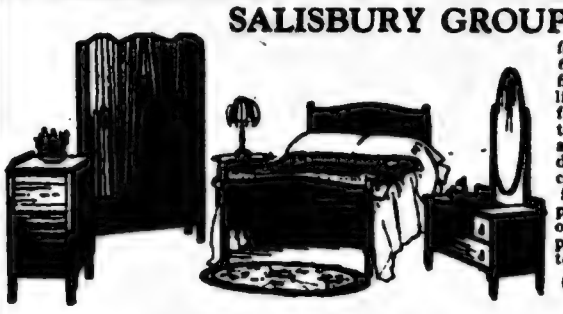

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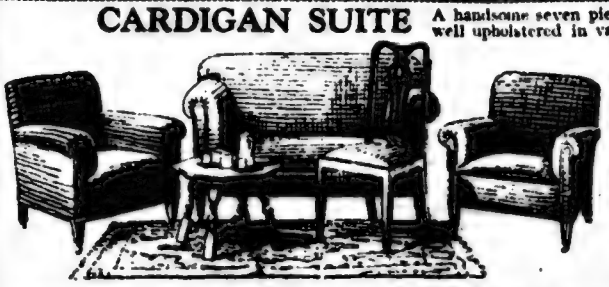

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THE WORST COURT *in the* KINGDOM

Outside the Courts: "It is the woman who pays and also appears to answer"

IT is a standing complaint that the law moves with an inhuman slowness. At the Glasgow Rent Courts, however, the machinery of justice revolves with a bewildering hustle that leaves everybody speechless.

The courts were set up to relieve what corresponds to the county court in England of a mass of business. They were needed; but their record is a terrible one.

Here are no speeches by the prosecution; no speeches by counsel for the defence; no standing on ceremony here.

Not even a gown on the presiding judge nor a wig on his head: there might be a danger of overheating with the judicial machinery working at such high speed.

Seventeen seconds

An occasional case may require as much as three minutes; so, to make up for lost time, others must be hurried a little. On an average, over two hundred cases are dealt with in a couple of hours.

The court-room is crowded; some can find only standing-room. Judging by the small percentage of men present, it is the woman who pays and also appears to answer for non-payment.

Proceedings open briskly with the Sheriff-Clerk calling out the names of the house-factor (landlord's agent) and the first defaulting tenant.

Nervously, a grey-haired woman, with a faded tartan shawl wrapped round her shoulders, hurries up to the bar of the court. A whispered consultation takes place.

In an attempt to make up arrears she offers payment of 7s. a week, which is two shillings in excess of her weekly rent.

The factor agrees to accept this. Her case has been settled in seventeen seconds.

Next comes a young woman with a baby in her arms. Her husband is a sailor; money from him reaches her irregularly.

She was unable to pay her rent in advance on the first of the month. She took the money to the factor's office a week later, but the summons was already taken out against her.

She promises to pay court expenses of 6s. 8d., and goes out smiling.

She is followed by an oldish man, with a face that tells of a hard life. He has neglected to remove his cap, and is sternly reminded of his lack of respect for the dignity of the law.

There is no smile on his face as he leaves the court, wondering how on earth he is to manage to pay rent plus a weekly addition to wipe out arrears, when he has already found it impossible to meet the rent alone.

Then a widow answers the summons for her man, who will never again appear before an earthly tribunal. Her husband's death two months ago gives her a respite.

A fresh summons must be made out in the woman's own name. Dead men pay no debts.

Another woman, with an infant at her breast and a toddler on one hand, begs time to pay. Her man is starting work next week after eighteen months of unemployment.

A woman of thirty, fragile and under-nourished, explains that she was confined only two weeks ago. She was unable to pay the rent, and her husband is away south, looking for work.

It is true that this is the third time she has been before the court. The factor is adamant; he must have his rent or the house.

Mention is made of the maternity-benefit money, but the woman says she owes that to the midwife. Decree of ejectment is granted. The law of property comes before the law of humanity.

On it goes. Two cases one minute; 120 cases one hour; 260 cases one court-day. It is the law—for the poor.

"That horrible place"

It is common knowledge that none of the sheriffs likes the duty of presiding at the sessions of the Rent Court.

A sheriff, on leaving the court one day, was heard to remark, with a sigh of relief, "Thank goodness, that horrible place is done with for another day."

Mercifully, permission has been granted for a tenants' representative to appear in court. Without any pay he does what he can, but it is a heart-breaking job.

He interviews tenants before the court opens, advises them what to do, and then stands by the bar of the court ready to offer such pleas and excuses as circumstances and time will permit.

The severity of the law varies with the personality of the administrator. One sheriff is three times more ready to eject a tenant than another sheriff who takes a more lenient view of these cases.

But leniency is no solution of the problem. The factor needs his money; the tenants must have a roof over their heads.

It is a problem of abject poverty and prolonged unemployment.

Where the housewife has to choose between providing food and clothing for her children and the payment of house-rent, she may be almost forgiven if she makes the factor wait for his money.

Better than charity

The Corporation of Glasgow established a Rent Relief Fund, which has paid out £180,000 since 1921. But although some cases have benefited, it is at the best but a poor palliative.

Surely it is not beyond the wit of man to conceive something more able than legal machinery, something better than charity, to deal with this problem.

A Rent Tribunal should be set up where cases could be considered with less haste, and where there would be no fees for court expenses. At the present time these are added to the existing burden of debt, and "the rent is made worse."

Cases could then be sifted with a view to helping folk out of their difficulties.

It may be that the family budget, small as it is, has to provide something extra for a delicate child.

Or funeral expenses or sickness or some other emergency may have landed the tenant into temporary difficulties, and he may have sought assistance from moneylenders.

It may be, as is most often the case, that unemployment is at the root of the matter. At the Rent Court none of these things is gone into properly.

Of course, mere diagnosis is useless if we are not prepared to employ the proper remedies.

They are down

The house-factor finds his remedy in the law, but it is no cure for the unfortunate tenant. It merely adds to his difficulties by imposing legal expenses and weekly payments beyond his ability to pay.

The present method of dealing with these cases is worse than asinine. The law is a mule, kicking a man when he is down.

The best puddings

are the old-fashioned steamed dumplings and suet puddings that our grandmothers used to make; only the trouble of chopping suet is all saved by

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THE world can visualise a score of inventions which will change the course of life for the better. Many of them we really need. There are fortunes awaiting the bright minds which will evolve them.

These are not far-off, visionary things, but things which will be done—soon.

Scientists every day are gaining a deeper insight into the nature of matter.

They now know that each one of the billions of atoms contained in the smallest visible particle of any substance is itself a highly organised system, in which groups of electrons constantly swirl at high velocity around and about a central nucleus.

Strange that so amazing a discovery has not yet been harnessed.

It has been calculated that the forces which bind together each whirligig of electrons in a single cupful of water are sufficient to drive the largest ocean liner from Liverpool to New York and back.

Newcomen and Watt discovered how to utilise the energy set free when water is expanded into steam by heat.

Otto, in the internal combustion motor, succeeded in harnessing the chemical forces liberated when petrol vapour or gas is mixed with air and exploded by the passage of an electric spark.

Cigar-box engine

The final and by far the most important advance in this direction will be taken by the first engineer to construct a practical form of motor driven by atomic energy.

Transport is a field in which the inventor is offered unlimited opportunities. Aviation is seriously hampered by the present method of launching and landing the ordinary aeroplane. To find sufficient room for these operations, it is necessary to go far afield from the busy centres of life.

The mind leaps to something beyond even the perfected helicopter, that flying-machine which will soon hover in the air, rise from and alight on the roofs of business-houses and railway stations.

The secret lies in the engine. What of the day when the atomic forces are so harnessed as to be contained in a cigar-box, yet with ample power to drive a pair of bird-like wings!

Vision through fog

Take down your wings from a peg in the garage—as you would a mackintosh—and away for a week-end in North Africa.

The motorist requires many things: a self-starting system which will defy frost and cold; a device which will prevent sun-glare on the screen; and a tyre which will absolutely refuse to skid on a wet road.

At the moment the British Navy is experimenting secretly with a nocto-visor, which will ultimately enable our navigators and gunnery officers to see almost as well at night as in daylight.

The more urgent purpose of this for the mercantile marine is to overcome the deadly peril of fog and icebergs at sea. It will soon be done.

What of a device of this kind attached to motor-cars and railway trains?

It would wipe away many perils and a myriad delays.

Sea-sick

From the pedestrian's point of view, there may also be room for an accessory, to be sealed on every motor-engine, which will fix the limit of his speed.

Another overdue improvement is a motor-car engine driven by heavy oil instead of petrol. The *R101* airship engines are of this type.

For sea travellers who are prone to sea-sickness, there will be a warm welcome for the first inventor to design a ship which, by gyroscopic control or otherwise, will refuse to pitch and roll.

An opening exists for an electric accumulator capable of carrying a large store of electric power, and of being recharged in a few minutes.

The battery-driven tram, motor-car and omnibus would then be practicable, and the batteries would be capable of wide application in the factory and home.

Here it would certainly come as a boon to the long-suffering broadcast listener who has not electric light in his house.

The listener is also looking forwrd to many other coming inventions. He wants a set which will really cut out the local station and bring in a few of the Continental programmes on not more than three valves.

Next, he is looking forward to the production of a "cold" valve—one which will work without either high or low tension batteries; or, as the next best thing, valves which can be operated for some months on a single dry-cell battery.

Finally, the listener who can only afford a crystal set wants an inexpensive attachment by which he will be able to run a loud-speaker.

There is the long awaited "cold" system of lighting. Most of the energy taken by an electric lamp is expended in producing unwanted heat. The first inventor to emulate the firefly and discover a source of light which does not waste energy in heat will soon be rich.

Ultra-violet and X-rays are now well established in medicine. Along the same lines, it should be possible to discover some inexpensive method of producing artificially the beneficial rays given off by radium.

Again, the use of high-frequency currents will before long make "bloodless surgery" a practical possibility. Such currents, when properly handled and controlled, are capable of cutting through flesh and bone like a knife, but with this difference—that as they cut, they automatically cauterise the wound.

Bottled 'phone talk

A most ingenious invention that has already been attempted, and which will, no doubt, in course of time come into being, is the automatic typewriter capable of analysing words into their component sounds, and so printing directly from the spoken voice.

Artificial rubber, produced at a price which will compete with the native product, is still an aim of the optimistic inventor, as is likewise the production of "flexible" glass.

In the domestic market, there are thousands of housewives wistfully awaiting the appearance of a cheap and efficient washing-up machine.

Beyond all these—a goal to which the imagination leaps—is the call for television, so that over the miles we can see and talk to each other.

Who will provide telephone subscribers with an attachment to be fixed to each instrument, and capable of recording or "bottling up" any message sent during the absence of the intended recipient?

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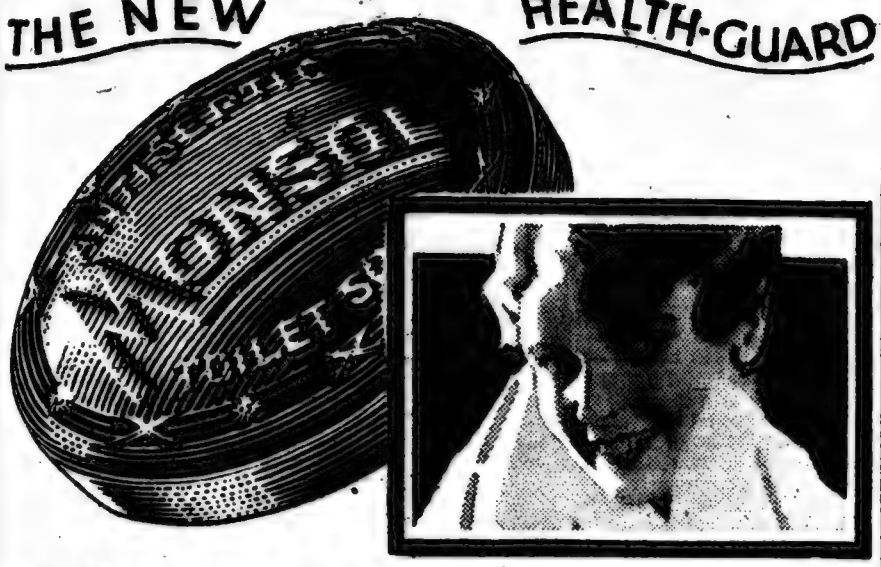

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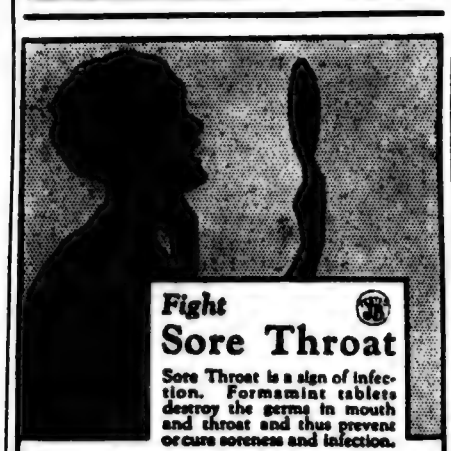

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WHEN I was a girl of six, my mother, then a widow, married a man several years younger. It soon became apparent that all this handsome young scoundrel wanted was her money.

He threw up his post and roundly abused her if she failed to supply him with unlimited cash. In clubs he was heard to boast of the good time coming to him whenever mother should be kind enough to die and leave him everything.

Of course, this could not last; for though mother had been comfortably situated, she was not really rich. The time came when she had only the property left. This my stepfather continually bullied her to sell, but she, thinking of me, as resolutely refused.

There came one terrible night when such a scene was created that I sobbed myself to sleep.

Mother did not come to bed, but though for a time I could hear her crying, I dared not go to her for fear of increasing my stepfather's rage.

In the morning I slipped off to school. When I returned at mid-day the house was silent.

Searching through the rooms, I found my mother. She was stretched out upon the dining-room floor, dead, with a poison bottle by her side.

At the inquest "Suicide while of unsound mind" was the verdict; yet I am always glad to remember that my stepfather was censured by the coroner as "morally responsible for the tragedy."

My stepfather was now sole owner of my mother's property. He sold it, and put me to a boarding-school.

Two months afterwards he married a woman of his own age.

He continued to pay my fees until I reached school-leaving age, after which he offered me a home where, as unpaid drudge to his wife and two children, I endured two or three years of hell.

NEED I say that I snatched at a chance of marriage when it came my way? I was only nineteen when I married my husband. Our union has been happy. We have a home and two darling children.

I had almost forgotten the past when a letter arrived from my stepfather.

He says he is down-and-out and that his wife and children are starving. Because he schooled me and kept me when my mother died it is my duty, he tells me, to help them all in return.

My husband advises me to ignore this letter, but I fear if I do my stepfather will come to this quiet town where we live and create a scandal.

"HUMANIST" says: Your stepfather has no claim whatever upon you; so keep out of his clutches.

If he makes a scene, hand him over to the police; though, in view of his terrible past, I shall be much surprised if he even so much as attempts to do so.

LOVE SLEEPS

for ten years

EARLY in our married life, my wife died, leaving me with a girl baby.

My circumstances were poor, and when a married cousin offered to adopt the infant, I eagerly assented, counting myself lucky to have the difficulty solved so readily.

Before a year had passed I changed my opinion. The moment my cousin found herself in want of money she appealed to me for help. Her demands grew, and I was soon enduring great hardship. She was never satisfied, and among all the quarrelling the girl did not thrive.

Ten years have passed, and, to my anguish, I find my child very frail and weak. She lives in an atmosphere of quarrels and disgusting language. The family is large and at least two of the children, who share a room with my daughter, are mentally deficient.

Yet when, I suggest removing my daughter to a more wholesome atmosphere I am met by my cousin with a fearful storm of abuse.

I say that as the child's father I have a right to take her away. My cousin says that having looked after her from babyhood, she is not going to part with her now. Who is right?

"HUMANIST" says: Neither, if the story you tell is true.

It is a pity you did not discover your love for your daughter until she was growing old enough to be useful; yet you, and you only, are responsible for her welfare. You must remove her to better quarters.

DUMPED BABE

wants revenge

MY father is a crook. During one of his long imprisonments mother decided to leave him.

I was then a baby of one year old, and she merely dumped me down in the home of dad's mother and disappeared.

Grannie loved and cared for me. When early this year she died, I felt I should never get over it.

I was sixteen before ever grannie told me the story of my birth. My mother had fallen in with a man of money, and, concealing the truth, had married him.

The house where she lives is large and imposing, and there is a second family of children.

I married seven years ago a very poor man. We have lived happily and have three babies. But with spells of unemployment and sickness it is hard to make ends meet.

AT grannie's death I had to borrow £5 to prevent her being laid in a pauper's grave, and in my grief I thought I would be justified in appealing to my mother for help. I had never approached her before.

I wrote pointing out that grannie had shielded and helped her in her trouble. Could she now repay a little by helping to give the dear old soul a decent burial?

My mother's reply was a curt note to the effect that she had no money to spare, and that although she perfectly understood the demand as an attempt at blackmail, it would not succeed, as she wished never to see me or hear from me again.

This cut me to the heart, as I had no such thought in my head. It has, moreover, so angered me that I have serious thoughts of informing her present partner how matters stand, and also letting my father know her address. In the circumstances, is it any more than she deserves?

"HUMANIST" says: Do not cause such widespread misery as your information might create. Your mother has acted cruelly, but you will honour your grannie's memory best by following her wise plan of silence. You will presently win free of debt if you are so determined.

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ARSENAL v. Middlesbrough.
ASTON VILLA v. Liverpool.
BOLTON WANDERERS v. Birmingham.
BURNLEY v. Grimsby Town.
DERBY COUNTY v. Sheffield United.
EVERTON v. Huddersfield.
LEEDS UNITED v. West Ham.
MANCHESTER CITY v. Newcastle.
Portsmouth v. Blackburn Rovers.
SHEFFIELD WED. v. Manchester U.
Sunderland v. Leicester City.

Division II.
Bradford City v. Oldham.
Bristol City v. WEST BROMWICH A.
CARDIFF CITY v. Southampton.
Charlton Athletic v. BLACKPOOL.
Hull City v. Bury.
Notts County v. Bradford.
PRESTON NORTH END v. Tottenham.
READING v. Barnsley.
STOKE CITY v. Chelsea.
SWANSEA TOWN v. Millwall.
WOLVERHAMPTON v. Notts Forest.

Division III. (South).
Bournemouth v. Plymouth Argyle.
CRYSTAL PALACE v. Coventry.
EXETER CITY v. Bristol Rovers.
FULHAM v. Newport Co.
Gillingham v. CLAPTON ORIENT.
Luton v. Swindon.
NORTHAMPTON v. Brentford.
NORWICH CITY v. Watford.
QUEEN'S PARK R. v. Torquay.
Southend v. Brighton and Hove.
WALSALL v. Merthyr Town.

Division III. (North)
ACCRINGTON v. New Brighton.
CHESTERFIELD v. Wigan Borough.
Darlington v. Port Vale.
LO CASTER ROVERS v. Wrexham.
Halifax Town v. Southport.
HARTLEPOOLS UNITED v. Barrow.
Lincoln City v. Carlisle United.
ROCHDALE v. York City.
Rotherham United v. CREWE A.
South Shields v. Stockport Co.
TRANMERE ROVERS v. Nelson.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Division I.
CELTIC v. Cowdenbeath.
DUNDEE v. Airdrieonians.
FALKIRK v. Hibernians.
HAMILTON ACAD. v. Clyde.
HEARTS v. Morton.
KILMARNOCK v. Dundee U.
Queen's Park v. PARTICK THISTLE.
RANGERS v. Ayr United.
St. Johnstone v. MOTHERWELL.
ST. MIRREN v. Aberdeen.

Division II.
ALBION ROVERS v. Armadale.
ALLOA v. Clydebank.
ARBROATH v. St. Bernards.
Brechin City v. KING'S PARK.
Dumbarton v. THIRD LANARK.
DUNFERMLINE A. v. Bo'ness.
LEITH ATHLETIC v. Forfar.
MONTROSE v. Stenhousemuir.
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"Elasto has been a godsend to me, and you may publish my letter for the benefit of other sufferers, who I do hope will send for your splendid treatment.

"Thank you very much for your kind attention and wonderful cure."

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Let us rid ourselves of our prejudices against Communism and get on with the job.—*John Taylor, Lanarkshire.*

Naughty Big Boy

To me, an ordinary British woman, Russia means anxiety and foreboding. Some day it may mean grief and agony to all the women of Britain.

Russia is like a big, restless boy, who should be apprenticed to some decent job of work. It is a disruptive influence, because it is not connected with Europe by the greatest link of civilisation—trade.

A trading Russia would be a peaceful Russia, with its energies directed into healthy channels. For the sake of peace, trade must be opened with Russia.

A world linked by trade is a world surely defended against war.—*D. r. R., Ashford.*

Bubble Pricked

The present-day Russia means to me the shattering of many bright dreams.

Formerly, I was a firm believer in the Communistic system, and ascribed all its former failures to the fact of its not having been tried on a large enough scale.

Then came the Russian revolution. A more ideal country could not have been chosen, containing as it does, within its vast territories, everything its people could reasonably require.

And what is the result, after many years of Communistic rule? A tyranny as ruthless and savage as any which disgraced the reigns of former Czars.—*Disillusioned, Blantyre.*

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Russia would be able to pay her debts, thus reducing our National Debt, and with this, down would come the taxes.

All this and more would happen if a small loan, heavily secured, could be advanced to Russia.—*J. B., Scarborough.*

Forget—Forgive

Although Russia still has the Bolshevists at her heart, and her people apparently devoid of the will to further the interests of the country in which they live, we in England should endeavour to forget and forgive all her past blunders, and do all in our power to re-establish her economic life.

We should intervene with food and clothing and medicines; with raw materials, agricultural machinery and sanitary supplies; with doctors and nurses and sanitary experts; with railway workers, plumbers and engineers.

This done, I have faith in Russia becoming a great leader in the humanitarian movements of the world.—*E. M. Pierce, Rock Ferry.*

Hold Out a Hand

Whenever I hear the word "Russia" I think of the Land of Lost Opportunity. I think of it as the finest example of the penalty of ignorance.

First under Romanoff autocratic rule, then under an even more autocratic "democratic" rule, ignorance has kept the Russian people where it will always keep any people—under the heel of exploiters.

I have no fear of the future of Britain. The average Briton is educated—that is, he has common-sense, and cannot be bamboozled, as has the Russian.

By re-establishing trade with Russia, we may, to some extent, "educate" her. Then, who knows——?—*James L. Bullin, Wisbech.*

The Colliery Village

Decent clothes; good food again; children well fed and as happy as possible in a colliery village; no more trudging to an employment exchange to sign on—in fact, Russia means everything to this little colony in a colliery village.

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Result: Two and a quarter shifts per week, poverty rampant, miserable people, half-fed children.

All this is what Russia means to me.—*Geo. Bilham, Sheffield.*

Squibs and Sawdust

A land of milk and honey, a vast wealthy land of tremendous resources, which must, however, remain untapped and valueless until its peoples have lifted themselves to form a civilised unit which can deal successfully with the problems of production and commercialism.

Politically, Russia means to me a kind of Guy Fawkes bogey. It is extraordinarily terrifying on the surface; but, fortunately, all thinking people can see the harmless sawdust and sacking behind its frightful mask.

It may fire off a few squibs, but it can scarcely cause any great conflagration.—*E. Marshall, Blackheath.*

Muck and Misery

A dungheap—sprinkled by stardust. Eleven years ago I lived among Russians; some so degraded that they seemed not really human. I remember two mauling each other almost to death, scratching and biting like wild beasts, over an entrapped rat. Roast rat at that time provided a succulent tit-bit.

Yet the same creatures flatly refused to work without first conducting a religious service! Beautiful voices they had, and a deeply impressive service it was, under the cold, pre-dawn sky.

Muck and mystery—Russia means that to me. And some day a prophet will arise among its people and play on that inherent mysticism. Then once more Russia will become a proud and mighty nation.—*C. S., London, W.C.*

No Profiteers?

To me, a working man, Russia means a great wheat-exporting country that would help to smash the wheat-pools of American and Canadian profiteers, which are the cause of the scandalous price of bread in Britain.

The railway, shipping and other machinery that would go to pay for that wheat would provide work for thousands in our most depressed industries, such as steel, coal and engineering.

As Russia is governed by the workers, not financiers, there is some hope of them keeping clear of the profiteering dodges which bear so heavily on the toilers.—*J. R. McD., Dalmarnock.*

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Peeps and Pokes

If Russia could send her pre-war quota we could have an eightpenny loaf.—*W. R., Inverurie.*

The each-for-all and all-for-each so-called Russian Communism has this meaning to me—God spare our country from such a fate.—*S. E., Norwich.*

A country that could produce so great a prophet of pacifism as Tolstoy is one entitled to the warmest appreciation of all well-wishers of mankind.—*C. H. W., Lancs.*

Let us remember that Russians are our fellow-men. Why don't we make them our fellow-workers?—*J. B., London, E.*

I can only think of Russia as a country which came to my aid in a time of need.—*Ex-Miner, Bedworth.*

A devastated, unhappy country of broken homes and broken men and women, and a terrible example to other countries.—*J. Carne, Devon.*

My experiences in North-West Russia in 1919 made me return to England praying, "God save our King."—*H. V. F., Sussex.*

Until Russia definitely asserts herself in the civilised countries of the world she can only be a thorn in the side of the future peace of the world.—*K. W., Bristol.*

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Race with "Silver Ring"

Puzzle of the DERBY CUP

Sir Joshua's partner, L. Cordell

AT the moment the "last lap" double is like searching for several needles in several haystacks. Ten of the acceptors for the Derby Cup figure in the acceptors for the Manchester November Handicap, and, with one or two exceptions, they comprise the pick of both races.

I am glad that I advised JOHN BULL readers to indulge in starting-price transactions. They are not likely to regret it.

West Wicklow holds only the Derby Cup engagement and, with 8 st. 2 lb., the easy Cesarewitch winner looks a tempting proposition. But there are others.

Our good friend Sir Joshua crops up in both events. Major Sneyd's faithful servant ran the best race of his life at Aintree last week, and, although Bartellus "pipped" him by a short head, the veteran took the honours. He was carrying 9 st. 8 lb. and gave the winner 22 lb.

I should go outright for Sir Joshua for the Derby Cup, but Major Sneyd also trains Mr. Drummond's Pard, nicely in with 6 st. 13 lb., and to complicate the situation still more, Mrs. Drummond's Ox and Ass, almost certain to pick up a good race, is not harshly treated with 7 st. 13 lb.

Pard was heavily backed to win a long-distance race at Sandown recently. He ran well, but Joyous Greeting, another inmate of Major Sneyd's stable, ran better and brought off a 20 to 1 shot.

I think the best way to solve the problem is to have a little on Sneyd's selected, and, as a precaution, save on his neglected. If both appear likely to go to the post, the betting forecast should indicate the outsider of the pair.

My week-end winners for Hurst Park are: Laocck, Press Gang and Joyous Greeting.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

This code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, November 14, to Wednesday, November 20.

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Clues Across.

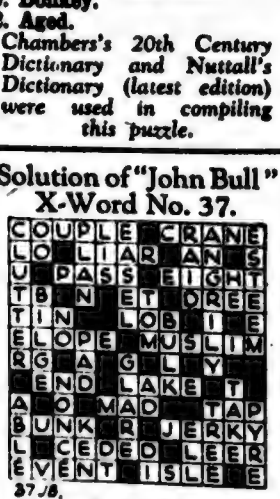
1. **Frightened.**
5. **Colourless.**
8. **Morsel.**
10. **Propagate.**
12. **Small particle.**
14. **Street urchin.**
16. **Observe secretly.**
18. **Small pie.**
25. **Essential to business.**
26. **Ailing.**
28. **Niggardly.**
29. **Refreshment house.**
31. **Circular.**
33. **Hooter.**
34. **Long fish.**
35. **A flagon.**
36. **Pointed weapon.**

Clues Down.

1. **Dedicated to religion.**
2. **Pine tree.**
3. **Books.**
4. **Part of verb "to be."**
6. **Teaches religion.**
7. **Retain.**
9. **To strike.**
11. **Twenty-four hours.**
13. **Child's plaything.**
15. **Prohibit.**
17. **Tracks.**
19. **Moved through water.**
20. **To whirl.**
21. **Beat.**
22. **Used in making baskets.**
23. **Long measure.**
24. **Slang for sixpence.**
27. **Stringed instrument.**
30. **Donkey.**
32. **Aged.**

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (latest edition) were used in compiling this puzzle.

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 37.



37 JB.

Result will be published next week.

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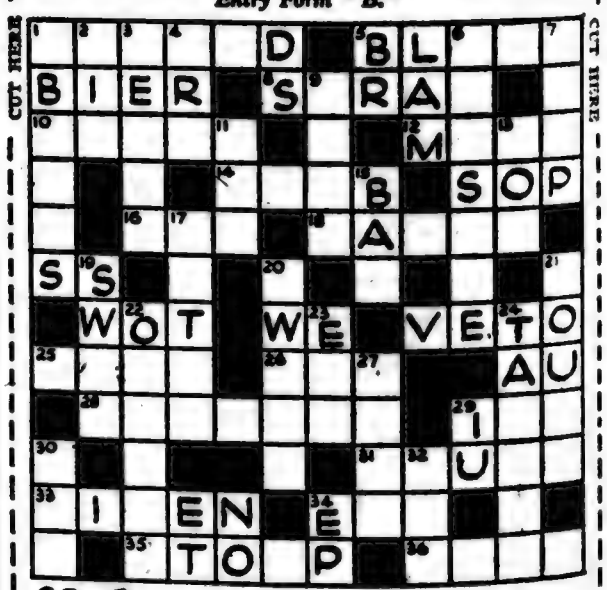

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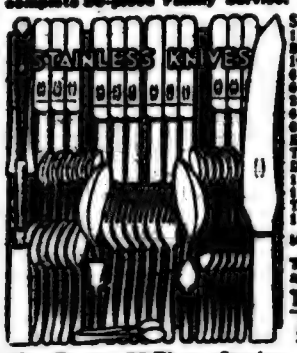

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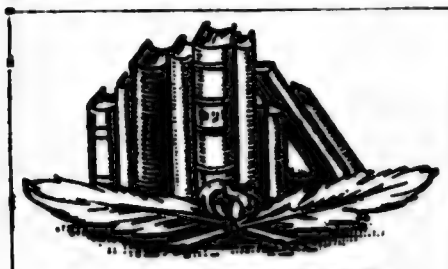

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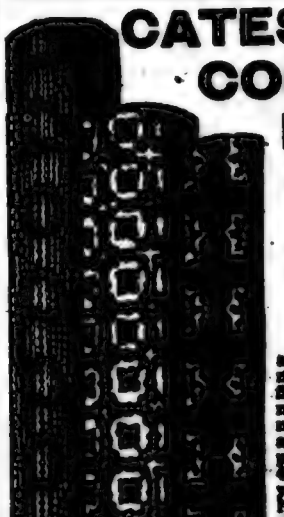

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THE EDITOR REPLIES

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

. . . It might have been if she had twisted it hard enough.

H. P. (Leeds).—"A scientist has discovered a new species of mosquito." We expect it discovered him first.

R. E. (Sheffield).—"The motor-car has shortened the distances between all places." Except parking places.

MRS. G. (Lewes).—"Flappers make poor mothers." They also make poor fathers poorer.

J. Y. (Worthing).—"Do you know that eggs will help you on as a singer?" We always thought they helped you off.

D. H. (Yarmouth).—"I have been married for seven years." That's what comes of breaking a looking-glass.

D. A. (Liverpool).—"After ten years I'm feeling quite a big gun in the business." Mind you don't get fired.

R. W. (Wood Green).—"Garlic is a good preventive of 'flu." Well, even a germ must draw the line somewhere.

D. N. (Derby).—"Why do they call air acrobatics 'stunting'?" Because it shortens many an aviator's career.

J. S. (Edinburgh).—"I have heard several violinists who have only one hand." We've heard many singers who haven't even got one voice.

M. A. (Essex).—"Even postmen want a little amusement sometimes." Well, aren't they always knocking about the town?

G. F. (Pimlico).—"I am going to establish a school to teach women how to shop." Then, what about a flying school for birds?

L. B. (Norbury).—"Wasps were far more troublesome at the latter end of the summer than usual." And also at the latter end of the wasp.

D. N. (Deptford).—"Some people get an education late in life." But others have no children to bring them home-work.

F. E. (Cambridge).—"It is logical that everything that goes up has to come down." You've never argued with your landlord over your rent.

H. V. (Southampton).—"Electricity travels at the rate of 11,000,000 miles a minute." You would never think it ran our tramcars.

G. S. (Clapham).—"A man is reported to have been cured of deafness when looking at a talkie." It seems hard that the cure should have come just then.

H. K. (Ealing).—"Some people *will* have their little joke." But those who have been fortunate in securing a JOHN BULL Christmas Annual have captured a budget of big ones.

T. N. (Chatham).—"What is the difference between being young and being youngish?" About forty years.

J. K. (Luton).—"There is nothing like work." Well, that's something to be thankful for.

P. B. (Croydon).—"The nations have little in common nowadays." Except a deficit.

J. R. (Stafford).—"I am moved by modern music." Many people leave voluntarily.

D. B. (Calshott).—"My wife is taking a slimming course." You will lose more pounds than she does.

B. D. (Egham).—"There's nothing like scouting for boys." That is the opinion of many girls.

G. P. (Uxbridge).—"I can't think what induced me to get married." But you know who induced you, don't you?

W. V. (Folkestone).—"I have now made up my mind to write for a living." What are you—a curate?

T. N. (Dorchester).—"Talkie films are to be introduced on several ocean liners." Let's hope they go down.

R. N. (Maidenhead).—"His daughter is growing fast." It's a modern tendency.

A. N. (Goole).—"The modern woman is not fond of walking." But she likes to put her foot down.

Y. J. C. (Chelsea).—"A little drink sometimes brings a man out." And, if he can't pay the fine, a little more sometimes puts him in.

R. H. (Milford Haven).—"Once women used to read the fashion hints to see what was going on." Now they read them to find out what is coming off.

R. E. (Canterbury).—"An American judge has sentenced a man to sing to his wife twice a day." Thus do the innocent suffer with the guilty.

F. S. (Fulham).—"What good are the very small motor-cars recently put on the American market?" They're just the thing to go down to the garage in.

D. W. (Aberystwyth).—"I can't see much to find fault with in women's dress." Not enough to grumble about, anyway.

F. P. (Enfield).—"It's good news that we are to have brighter and more cheerful post-offices." Yes—now we shall be able to pass quite a pleasant hour while waiting to buy a stamp.

L. E. (Evesham).—"You will see by the enclosed stories that I have a powerful imagination." Rather—you even seem to imagine that they are good ones.

K. M. (Reigate).—"I am so tremendously keen on aviation that I can hardly attend to my own work." Take care, or you'll get the sack for having your head in the clouds.

T. H. (Coventry).—"Is there any way in which future generations can trace the trend of modern styles?" Certainly; they might follow the migration of the vaccination mark.

M. A. (Ketley).—"A clue to a woman's whereabouts can often be obtained from her perfume." And sometimes it gives a clue to a man's recent whereabouts as well.

C. R. (Paddington).—"Is roller-skating difficult?" One soon tumbles to it.

L. T. R. (Oswestry).—"My wife's three brothers, all policemen, were at our wedding." Did you go quietly?

W. L. (Romford).—"A dentist is naturally judged by the work he does." Extractions speak louder than words.

C. W. (Bristol).—"My parrot simply refuses to stop talking." And how is your wife—about the same?

E. D. (Stanmore).—"I wouldn't marry the last man in the world." Probably not. Look at the choice he would have.

C. B. (Brooklyn).—"Sleep makes beauty." Then why aren't some of our heavyweights better looking?

T. N. (Plymouth).—"For one month of the year I eat less than usual." February, we suppose.

F. T. N. (Harrow).—"I told the magistrate to his face that I demanded justice." You apparently forgot that you were in a court of law.

C. E. H. (Cromer).—"It was my ambition, as a boy, to be clown when I grew up." You're lucky; most people's dreams are never realised.

D. L. (Everton).—"As soon as we were settled in our chairs he produced a corkscrew." He evidently intended to draw you out.

A. T. L. (Hither Green).—"Can insects communicate with each other?" Yes, if the telephone operator decides to let them.

H. M. (Chelsea).—"I caught my six-year-old son playing with my razor, soap and brush." The young shaver! Did you give him the strop?

L. N. (Highgate).—"A new motor-horn has three musical notes." But the old kind that sounds one single sneer is still popular.

A. McN. (Glasgow).—"The game of football is hampered by fouls and valuable time is lost." The *Bullets* game is full of Hampers and Fowls this week. Lose no time if you want to score.

A. N. (Chenies).—"I always fold my trousers back in their original creases." But could you do the same with a road map?

F. M. B. (Stanmore).—"Age can be told by the voice." The real gourmet always clamps on a pair of headphones and listens-in to a gorgonzola.

TED G. (Greenwich).—"Now that I have to go to work at five o'clock each morning, I see very little of my daughter." Well, you can hardly expect her to come home as early as that.

OLD-FASHIONED (Morley). — "Woman isn't what she was." No, but her age is.

G. L. (Hoxton).—"I lived in Chicago for many years." That's an unusual thing to do in Chicago.

MRS. L. (Barnstaple).—"I always follow the latest fashion." But how many years behind?

T. W. (Kensington).—"Where do you think I am taking my yacht this winter?" To the round pond?

R. B. (Bideford).—"How do the collieries dispose of their coal-dust?" Look in our coal-cellar.

A. W. (Kingston).—"Do you think I will ever make money with my pen?" Not unless you try forgery.

E. C. S. (Southend).—"I hadn't worn my suit for a year. Can you guess what I found in the pockets?" Moth-balls.

ALEC (Dover).—"I was too young to join up for the last war." Let's hope you'll be too old to join up for the next.

J. G. (Harrogate).—"We ex-Service men fight our battles over again at the club." Get your committee to enlarge the bar, then.

E. M. (Dalkeith).—"I retired from business last week." What did the Official Receiver say about it?

MISS H. (Croydon).—"I always find my second thoughts are best." Perhaps they couldn't very well be worse.

H. L. (Ipswich).—"Each day I seem to be groping more in the dark and cannot see daylight yet. What do you suggest?" Get up later.

GEORGE (Billingshurst). — "There seems to be a double meaning to everything he says." Especially when he answers, "Thanks, a Scotch."

D. C. (Brixton).—"I want to build a chicken-house. Can you tell me the cheapest way to go to work?" Take a workman's ticket.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-*Slips*

Examples of genuine unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Obvious printers' errors not wanted. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Slip."

EVENING DESPATCH:—"There will be much sympathy for Stephenson, for injury has now prevented his MISSING an Inter-League medal and an International Cap already this season."

DAILY CHRONICLE:—"MOTOR RADIATOR (first-class). Write stating AGE, WAGES and PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE."

GIRLS' FRIEND LIBRARY:—"He leaned nearer to her and went on speaking RAPIDLY BUT SLOWLY."

"FEATHERED SERPENT" (by Edgar Wallace):—"How many thousands of years ago, he wondered, had some MAN Indian fashioned this crude shape?"

SPALDING PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE:—"The Central Messengers are coming to Spalding to receive a BENEDICTINE and a blessing."

MID-ULSTER MAIL:—"General Market.—Duck eggs, 1s. 6d. per dozen; potatoes, 2s. 6d. to 4s. per PAIR."

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Price, Mrs. A., Scott Road, Walsall.
Pow, J., 19, Trinity Street, Hawick, Roxburghshire.
Randall, H., H.M.S. "Valiant," Portsmouth.
Rayner, J. E., 72, Hythe Hill, Colchester.
Richardson, Mrs. E. A., 10, Rectory Road, Hornsey, N.8.
Roberts, G., 149, Sharrow Vale Road, Sheffield.
Sinclair, Miss L., 35, Lorne Street, Leith.
Smith, Mrs. E., 39, Braybrook Street, West Bromwich, Staffs.
Spink, S., 88, Hollydale Road, Peckham, S.E.
Stafford, H. L., 12, Sumner Road, Prestwich, Manchester.
Stewart, J., 17, Chantinghall Road, Hamilton.
Tagg, Miss L., 14, Palace Road, East Molesey.
Taylor, Mrs., 17, Campbell Grove, Nottingham.
Thompson, E. W., 126, Crossclife Street, Moss Side, Manchester.
Thompson, Mrs. J., Kemberton, Shifnal, Salop.
Thwaites, Miss B., 17, Rutland Street, Filey, E. Yorks.
Vevers, J. K., 29, Hill Park, Sands Road, Paignton.
Walton, Mrs. E., 95, Rideaway, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Watts, Mrs. E., 179, Kedleston Road, Derby.
Watson, Mrs. C., 38, Cambridge Street, Scarborough.
Webb, F. J., 55, Hawarden Road, Walthamstow, E.17.
White, Mrs., Vine Cottage, 5, Northend Road, Erith.
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Mr. G. Hirst.

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1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

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BEFORE 1930	HE'S EITHER A FOOL OR	MILES AHEAD
RUNAWAY VICTORY	LOOKS SMALL	ON HER DIGNITY
THE SHADOW CABINET	ALWAYS RIGHT	BOLD AS BRASS
WHOLE-HEARTEDLY	NOT A WORD	A GOOD YEAR
MEN OF MACHINERY	BY CHANCE	SOUND PROPAGANDA
IGNORED	IS LOVE BLIND?	EXCUSES
WHAT WOULD SHE SAY IF	DYING	WALKING THE PLANK
TRUDGING ROUND	LEADERSHIP	FOND MAMMA
OUT OF THE WOOD	WELL-LINED POCKET	"PAY UP!"
WITH A CAUTION	BEGINNING TO THINK	

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